

# AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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IN ANY AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS OR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT  
(FROM 1938 TO --)



## THE AACS COMMUNICATOR



**"FELLOWSHIP IN THE COMPANY OF EQUALS"**

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### REMEMBER

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### IMPORTANT

Tell "Mac Maginnis"  
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Communicator"  
(see notice inside)



**General Bill Mitchell**

### September 2006

Plan now on coming to the 30th  
AACS Convention/Reunion in  
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Lots to see and do!!

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Saturday Night "Banquet" &  
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Call Toll Free to 1-866-299-1045 for information about the AACS Alumni Association.

Each member is challenged to recruit one (1) new member a year.  
Find those friends you served with. Copies of the AACS Communicator and our AACS Brochure are  
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PAGE OF HONOR**

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
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**Foundation Setters**

**Brig. General Billy Mitchell, General Edwin W. Rawlings, Lt. General Harold W. Grant,  
\*Lt. General Lee Paschall, Maj. General Harold M. McClelland, Maj. General Robert Sadler**

**Class of 1999**

**\* Lt. General Lee M. Paschall**

**Class of 2000**

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Maj. General John B. Bestic  
\*Maj. General Rupert H. Burris  
\*Colonel Derrel L. Dempsey  
\*CMSgt William Bethea**

**AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF HONOR**

**Class of 2001**

**\*CMSgt Richard P. "Hank" Sauer**

**Class of 2002**

**\*Colonel Robert M. Brewer  
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\*Chaplain (Colonel) P.C. Brown  
\*CMSgt William Bethea  
\*Rocco Sansone**

**Class of 2006**

**Nominations being accepted**

**AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Class of 2001**

**\*Colonel Ted V. Carlson**

**Class of 2002**

**Colonel Bernard U. Glettler  
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**Class of 2003**

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**\*Major C.B. Maginnis  
\*Mrs. Nancy Donnell**

**Class of 2005**

**\*Lt. Colonel Richard W. Frye  
\*George Villa**

**Class of 2006**

**Nominations being accepted**

**\* Was or is a member of the AACS Alumni Association**



# Posting The Colors



## 2006 Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame

**Lt. General Michael Peterson, SAF/XC announced that the following individuals have been selected for induction into the Hall of Fame, Class of 2006:**

- Major General Francis L. Ankenbrandt (deceased)**
- Major General John B. Bestic (deceased)**
- \* Major General Rupert H. Burris (AACS Alumni Life Member)**
- \* Colonel Derrel L. Dempsey (AACS Alumni Member)**
- \* CMSgt William Bethea (AACS Alumni Life Member)**

**Maj.Gen Ankenbrandt**

**Maj.Gen Bestic**

**Maj.Gen Burris**

**Col Dempsey**

**CMSgt Bethea**



**Congratulations to all these outstanding individuals and their families, who have demonstrated outstanding service and dedication to our country.**

**General Burris, Colonel Dempsey and Chief Bethea are the 13th, 14th and 15th AACS Alumni Association Members (out of 26 inductees) to be inducted into the Air Force Communications/Information Hall of Fame.**

**You can visit the Air Force Hall of Fame and not only see the Air Force Communications Community Founders, the individual Hall of Fame Classes from 1999 thru 2005, but the names of the individuals who were on the nomination list that the 2006 Selection Board reviewed. By the time you receive this issue, the Class of 2006 should be posted.**

**Visit the AFCA URL: [http://public.afca.af.mil/hall\\_of\\_fame.htm](http://public.afca.af.mil/hall_of_fame.htm)**

**NOTE: There are underlines after "hall\_of\_fame.htm"**

**AF HALL OF FAME – AACS HALL OF HONOR –  
AACS LIFE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
POLICIES**

The AACS Policies to submit nominations for the above awards are contained in the February 2005 Membership Roster (which was mailed to all members who did not list an email address) and on the AACS Alumni Web Site ([www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)) for those members who can access the Internet. The Web Site policies are listed on the left hand column of the Home Page and there is a link for each policy.

Members wishing to nominate an individual for the Air Force Communications/Information (includes Air Traffic Controllers) Hall of Fame and/or the AACS Hall of Honor, must submit their nominations in the proper format to the Chair of the AF Hall of Fame and AACS Hall of Honor Committee, listed on the inside front cover of the AACS Communicator publications. Nominations for the Air Force Hall of Fame and the AACS Hall of Honor must be submitted no later than July 1st of each year for these awards. There is a Board of Directors review process to select and approve nominees. Those selected are announced at the Annual General Meeting at the AACS Alumni Convention/Reunion.

Nominees for the AACS Life Achievement Awards should be submitted to the Executive Director in Letter format, providing a statement of justification. Life Achievement nominations should be submitted no later than July 15th of each year.

**NOTE: AACS Members Past and Present cannot be selected for any of the above awards if other members do not take the time to submit their names and the necessary information. Coordination by the nominator with the individual being nominated is encouraged and authorized, in order to obtain the necessary information to support the award.**

**Copies of the above policies can be obtained from the Executive Director.**



**MISSED ROLL CALL  
Since the November 2005  
AACS Communicator**

Our deepest regrets to out to Cecil Monk, who reported the death of a friend and I inadvertently published his name in the November 2005 Missed Roll Call Column. Cecil reports he is alive and well.



Antonoff, William I.  
Campbell, Thomas Jay  
Cooley, Bill  
Dahlstron (Burris), Mrs, Julie  
Desmond, Mrs. Robert S. "Kay"  
Glenn, Ellis, A.  
Fritz, Russell C.  
Gallen, Joseph  
Gilmore, Keith L.  
Harrell, David L.

Latham, Carl J.  
Lindseth, Robert H.  
Nowakowski, Ragnar F.  
Peikin, Daniel  
Price, Thomas E.  
Price, Mrs. Thomas E. "Margie"  
Rueb, Mrs Duane J. "Mary"  
Stone, Mrs Charles W. "Laura"  
Underwood, Richard F.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The AACCS Alumni Association has completed another good year. It took the hard work of the current and past members of our Board of Directors. In addition, the volunteer hosts and co-hosts of our annual conventions/reunions have also been a key factor in the successes we have had over the years. We continue to be in a sound financial situation and our Board of Directors, like those who went before us, have been good stewards of our funds. You can tell when you read the Membership Director, the Treasurer and the Editor/Publishers reports, of the detail that goes in how we are running the Alumni Association. The work that our Committees perform, year in and year out, does not get any "publicity/exposure" for all the good work that just gets done with no fanfare.

However, I would like to address the single biggest problem/concern that I have as a member for the past 12 years and as a member of the Board of Directors for the past 10 years. The problem/concern is the extremely low turnout of our members to attend the annual conventions/reunions. Looking back at our member attendance figures for the past 6 or 7 years, we only get 7 to 10% of our members to participate. We have averaged approximately 325 to 350 attendees each year, but a large majority are spouses. The work that goes in to running our annual conventions/reunions, starts close to 2 years prior to the actual event. Conventions/Reunions just don't happen, they take a lot of time, planning, and worry that enough members and guests will attend so we do not run in the RED.

You should be able to determine what goes on at these conventions/reunions by reading the past Newsletters and now the AACCS Communicators. They clearly show what events are planned, costs and guest speakers. The November issue always contains photos of those who attended and attest to the good times. These annual conventions/reunions are planned for our members to bring their spouses and often their children and friends and are not a "bunch of ex GI's sitting around drinking beer and telling war stories". While we do have a beer, tell stories, we sure do it in a way that offends no one and most if not all, including spouses, participate. We run the annual Conventions/Reunions on a break even basis, we DO NOT use them as fund raisers. The tours that are scheduled are on an individual basis to sign up or not to sign up. The Registration Fee has been fairly constant at about \$85 per-person. However, the Registration Fee includes two breakfast meals, the Saturday Banquet and a first class Hospitality Room, Open for approximately 40-45 hours from Noon on the Wednesday thru late Saturday night. Based on the cost of meals, hotel charges, etc, we consider the Registration Fee to be extremely low when looking at other annual events by organizations similar in size to us. Once you attend your first one, we are confident that you will attend others.

Meeting old friends and making new ones is the order for the day at our annual convention/reunion. I urge you try and make one before its too late. You may be surprised and find that you do know some of the people there. See you in Covington, Kentucky in September.

Hank Sauer  
Executive Director

### **The GEEIA – MDA – EI "Can – Do" Reunion Group**

**The 13th Biennial Worldwide GEEIA-MDA-EI Reunion was held at the Hotel Pere Marquette, in Peoria, Illinois on 9-11 September 2005. Many of our members are also members of this GEEIA-MDA-EI Reunion group. At this recent reunion, Colonel Robert J. Steele, Commander, Air Force Communications Agency (and AACCS Alumni Association Life Member) was the guest speaker. If you have ever served in any of these organizations, you are welcome to join them. You can contact Walter J. Chapman, Rt. 4, Box 3567, Stigler, OK 74462-9311, telephone 918-452-2313 or email him at GEEIA361@crosstel.net or visit their web site at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GEEIA-MDA-EI/>**



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT (JUN 2006)

The Alumni Association has 2450 members as of this writing. However approximately 200 of those members have a dues expirations of Dec 2005. If we do not hear from those members this year they will be dropped from membership. All of the 600 members whose dues expired in 2005 were sent reminders so we had a 66% successful retention. At the end of this year 2006, there will be approximately 650 members who will need to renew their memberships. Check the 2 digit number in front of your name on the Communicator mailing address. If it is 06 you should pay your dues before December 31 of this year.

One of the prime goals of your Board of Directors is to keep the Alumni Association alive and healthy "infinities". In order to do this we must continue trying to attract younger members into the Association. A very large percentage of our members are in their 70's. I'm happy to report that we are seeing a slight increase in younger members ages. Approximately 75 newer members range in age from 40 to 60. It must be these younger troops who will eventually continue the tradition of the Alumni Association. You, our members are still our best recruiters. So keep an eye out for any Communicators, either active or retired that may be interested in the Association.

A good percentage of your Board of Directors and Committee members are in the "senior" ages mentioned above. To this end, if there are any members out there that would like to volunteer for any of these positions in the future please contact a Board member. Several of these positions must definitely have "back up" volunteers in the event of unforeseen emergencies.

Last of all....Please keep ME informed of changes of mailing addresses, email address changes, names of members or spouses who have missed roll call or any changes to your status. My mailing addresses and phone numbers are listed on the inside cover of the Communicator.

Hope to see you all in Covington KY in Sept. Hank Sauer and Bob Akard have a great program planned for us.

**C.B. Mac Maginnis**  
Membership Director

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it!" So it says at the conclusion of the 16th verse of Genesis, Chapter 28. In the Genesis 28 narrative, Jacob was on his way from here to there and spent the night in "a certain place" (verse 10). To this day, no one knows the exact location of this "certain place." The Bible says only that it was somewhere along his way from Beer-sheba to Haran. My guess is that many, if not most of us have had this "Jacob experience"—once if not many times—perhaps even in present times.



A "Jacob experience": a time when you were on your way from here to there—

A time when you found yourself spending the night in some God-forsaken place while on the way to some God-forsaken "there," having left some God-forsaken "here." And then you wake up, whether the next morning or some much later morning, and something tells you that neither the "here" place, the "there" place, nor the place in between was God-forsaken at all. It was one of those "Surely the Lord was in this place, and I did not know it!" places. For some of us, it may have been in WW II's ETO. For others, it may have the Asian Theater, or the China-Burma-India theater. Or other wars, other places: Korea, Vietnam, Grenada. Or Cold War assignments.

Between now and our upcoming convention/reunion, I'd encourage you to spend some time digging up one or more of your Jacob-experience stories. Then, as your Chaplain, maybe around a Hospitality Room table, or maybe under the shade of a tree, I'd love to hear some of your "Surely the Lord was in this place, and I did not know it!" stories. I'd also love to see or hear some of you sharing these stories with each other. I'm confident that you'll profit spiritually in the sharing. Who knows? Perhaps the Lord could be among us this September in Covington, Kentucky. And perhaps we'll know it!

God's peace,  
**Jim Burch**  
Association Chaplain





## FROM THE TREASURER



The organization's monetary position continues on a sound basis. Newsletter production and mailing costs will be covered with the usual financial resources available; there will be no extraordinary impact on our financial reserves.

Reunion activities in 2005 were financially successful; we ended up with an excess of a little over \$2000.00 from the convention/reunion, and close to \$1800.00 in PX/BX Sales, which reduces the investment in our inventory. Thanks to the outstanding work of our reunion hosts Gene and Irene Sheridan, the reunion was a brilliant success.

As usual, membership dues continue to be the main income source, with PX/BX sales (on a break-even basis), interest income from CD's, and donations also positively contributing. Major expenses continue to be the newsletter publication, production, and delivery, followed closely by recruitment expenses, reunion "seeding" and PX/BX inventory expenses. Our organization also contributed \$7,000.00 to the Air Force Aid Society in support of their work in the Biloxi area in support of Katrina efforts in 2005. A full financial report will be forthcoming at the 2006 convention/reunion and in the November 2006 AACS Communicator.

The PX/BX (some still call it PX or BX) sales continue to peak just prior to and after the fall reunion, and just after publication and delivery of the semi-annual AACS Communicator. Our source for windbreaker jackets has stopped manufacture of the item. We still have limited amounts of small and medium sizes available, but large and extra large are out of stock and will not be replaced. Windbreaker Quantities:

	On Hand	On Order
Small	10	0
Med	12	0
Large	0	0
Xlarge	0	0
XXLarge	2	0

We have added a new item in the BX inventory. Windshirts are now available in limited quantity. I've ordered six medium, 6 large, and 6 extra large to see how sales will be for this item. So far we've sold one medium and one large. Hank Sauer has published photos of the item in this edition of the Communicator. We have also added the "old blue AACS Patch". This patch is our official Logo and this one DOES NOT have "AACS-AFCS-AFCS" embroidered on it. It will sell for \$8.00 including shipping.

**Ray Sharpless**  
Treasurer

# AACS

**EDITOR/PUBLISHER/WEB SITE REPORT**  
**THE COST OF THE NOVEMBER 2005 AACS COMMUNICATOR**

Printing (3,000 copies).....	\$3,354.00
Layout/Conversion.....	550.00
Bulk Mail charges (2,661 mailed).....	712.82
Overseas/Media Mail.....	93.19
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$4,710.01</b>



**NOTE:** Monthly reports for the Newsletter Bank Account are submitted to the AACS Treasurer.  
Account Balances on hand after publication and mailing of the November 2005 AACS Communicator:  
NL Bank Account: \$ 143.22  
PO Bulk Mail Account: \$ 461.19

The AACS Web Site (www.aacsalmuni) costs for 2005 was \$359.40. This is an extremely low cost due to the AACS Web Manager being able to make the majority of the changes and the fact that the Company that hosts the web site (Access America), has given us rock bottom prices since we put the AACS site on their server in 2002.

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:**

Hope you liked the new AACS "Communicator" ....the new name for the old "Newsletter" as well as the 8 Magazine type slick pages for the covers and the 14 colored pages inside the publication ( 8 pages were photos from the Overland Park Convention/Reunion). The costs for using our new Magazine Publisher Company has already saved us money. Included in the overall price for the 3000 copies they printed, is their printing the member addresses on the back cover, saving the cost of labels and cost to affix and sort them. In addition, the overall cost included the paperwork and delivery to the Post Office for bulk mailing. The new process saves us approximately 2 to 3 weeks from the time we close inputs to the time its at the Post Office.

Hank Sauer  
AACS Editor/Publisher & Web Site Manager

Note: As in previous issues of the AACS Newsletter and in the first issue of the AACS Communicator, we continue to ask you to please keep us informed of your address changes. There is a significant amount of workload, including a post office charge to us when we are advised that your copy of the AACS Communicator was not delivered or could not be delivered. In addition, snowbirds expect us to know when they move north or south for the winter/summer but not all have advised us of their dates to relocate. The Director of Membership and myself try to accommodate these 50 odd members, but it is has become a chore to try and second guesses where we should mail the AACS Communicator. For planning purposes, we FREEZE the mailing lists approximately 1 April and 1 October of each year. The Post Office informs us that they have up to 30 days to deliver our AACS Communicators and in lots of cases it does in fact take that much time or longer. When I mailed the November 2005 issue of the AACS Communicator, it was at the Knoxville, Tennessee Regional Post Office for shipments to other US Regions on November 2nd. However, Walt McLain and Bob Akard did not receive their copies for at least two weeks after that date, and they live in Knoxville, Tennessee. I received mine about two days after they did. I had reports from Washington , Colorado, Virginia and some other states of receiving their copies within 4 or 5 days of the mailing. It does make you wonder...  
**KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT**

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE BACKUPS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS**

As most of you know, the AACS Alumni Association has grown over the years and as we grew we became more automated and sophisticated in how we are running the Association. With an average of 2,500 members spread all of the country and in some foreign countries, we were forced to become more professional and run the Association on a business basis. We are no longer just a "Reunion Group".

Because of the age of our Director for Membership and the Editor/Publisher, we are trying to identify some of our younger members, who have the time and are interested in becoming backups for these two positions. This would provide the continuity needed if Mac Maginnis and Hank Sauer were on short notice, unable to continue with their important duties/tasks. Our plan is for these backups to become knowledgeable of how to maintain the AACS Microsoft Access DataBase for inputting new members, making updates to mail and email address, dues status, etc., and to coordinate with Hank on how the two issues of the AACS Communicator are created and mailed. Both Mac and Hank have developed excellent procedures for completing their tasks and are on file with the Executive Secretary. These procedures were developed to help in transition from one person to another in cases of emergency. Neither Mac or Hank are planning to quit their positions, but to ensure we do maintain the continuity needed in the event of an emergency we are soliciting your help

PLEASE CONTACT KAANK SAURE AT 865-482-3013 or email DirAACS@Comcast.net, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING.

## HAM NEWS



George Reeves and I apologize for not having a Ham Report in the November 2005 issue of the AACCS Communicator. George and I will certainly make sure that it does not happen again. We both are hopeful that as many Hams as possible will attend the 2006 Annual AACCS Convention/Reunion in Covington, Kentucky, September 28-October 1, 2006 at the Riverfront Radisson. The ranks of the Hams are getting thinner each year. They are a core element of our communications history and we want to preserve their experience and hopefully pass it on to those "radio operators" of today, who may know nothing about "bugs" and "double doubles", BC 610's and the equipment and terms that came before them.

Hank Sauer, Editor and Publisher.

### George's Report:

The "Ham" community seems to be slowly losing ground. This may be partly due to poor propagation, because signals have not been good lately. There are times when we can communicate only by relays. Also several of our regulars lost antennas during the hurricane season last year, namely Bob McDow (W4KOG) and Harold Dew (K4BCA). Harold has his antenna up now, but Bob is still operating Mobile. We need more of the AACCS Hams checking into the nets. The East Coast 40 meter net has three or four to check in. The West Coast 40 meter net is doing somewhat better. Bill McCollum (W5MFY) reports that they average about six check-ins out west. The 20 meter SSB nets are averaging only five or six stations. The Saturday CW net is also rather slim. I got out my old J-38 and checked in twice during the first part of March. I am slow and shaky, but was able to have some nice QSO's with Ed Evans (W5LK). On October 1, 1993, during the reunion at Callaway Gardens, GA, Dudley Page (N5ROX) called the 20 meter SSB net from his motor home. We had 21 check-ins and an additional 17 at the convention center that called in via a 2-meter hookup. That is a total of 38 AACCS Hams. I know that a number of that group are now silent keys, but we need the rest of you Hams to get your rigs cranked up and get on the air with us.

I have written a letter to the Editor of QST magazine in an effort to recruit more Air Force "Hams" for our organization and to meet with us on the air.

I met Yancy Cecil (KD4WG) at the Charlotte, NC hamfest on March 11. We had a very nice time browsing around the flea market. He is still having trouble with his beam antenna, but says that his local club will help him put up a new rotator as soon as the weather moderates. The next convention/reunion will be in Covington, Kentucky and as of now, I am planning to be there. Hopefully, we will be able to get a station set up in the "ham room". I will bring my low band radio and a J-38. I hope that there will be a good number of hams at this 30th get together.

George Reeves (WD4BMG)  
WD4BMG@AOL.COM

73'S FROM ALL THE HAMS AACCS ALUMNI RADIO NET SCHEDULES				
BAND	FREQ	UTC TIME*	LOCAL TIME	DAY
National SSB				
20 M	14.287 mhz	2000/2100 hrs	1500 CST/ST	Wed/Fri
National CW				
20 M	14.061 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1200 CDT/ST	Sat
East Coast SSB				
40 M	7.230 mhz	1330/1430 hrs	0930 EDT/ST	Tues/Thur
West Coast SSB				
40 M	7.235 mhz	1700/1800 hrs	1000 PDT/St	M/W/F
Notes:				
• Local times remain but UTC time changes				
The AACCS Radio Coordinator is George Reeves, Jr., (WD4BMG). His email address is: WD4BMG@aol.com. All HAM/Radio news & questions should be coordinated With George.				



**George Reeves (WD4BMG (L) and Yancy Cecil (KD4WG) At the Charlotte, NC HAMFEST IN March 2006**

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE AACS BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors have developed Position Descriptions to identify the duties, responsibilities and hours of volunteer time required for Board of Director positions, including in some positions, detailed procedures necessary to effectively perform in these positions. As most members are aware, the AACS Alumni Association has grown to over 2,500 members and requires competent leadership and skills to effectively manage and operate the Association. Therefore, the following proposed change to the AACS By-Laws has been approved by the Board of Directors and is put to a vote in accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws. The Executive Director has developed a comprehensive Nominating Committee Charter that spells out the review process to insure that potential nominees have the qualifications and experience necessary to serve. All nominees must be interviewed by the Nominating Committee. Therefore, no nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual General Business meeting. The following is the PROPOSED CHANGE:

“SECTION 10: The Executive Director will appoint and/or reappoint a Board of Directors Nominating Committee of at least three (3) members each year to recruit and evaluate qualified nominees for Board of Director (BOD) Positions. Nominations for BOD positions will be reviewed and evaluated by the duly appointed nominating committee based upon the established criteria for selection. Nominees for BOD positions will be coordinated with the Executive Director prior to any public announcements. Members wishing to nominate individuals for Board of Director positions must submit their names to the Nominating Committee no later than June 30 of each year in order for the Nominating Committee to interview the nominee. If the nominating committee or the BOD determine that an individual nominated for a position is not qualified to effectively serve in a BOD position, the Executive Director will contact the individual in person or by phone and advise him/her of the Boards decision. Nominations from the floor, where no interview or background/experience information has been developed or reviewed by the nominating committee, will not be accepted.”

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(Cut on dotted line and mail to Bob Akard, 937 Venice Rd, Knoxville, TN 37923 or email [akardbob@worldnet.att.net](mailto:akardbob@worldnet.att.net))

I vote YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ on the proposed change (mark one).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Member in Good Standing

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

COMMENTS (if any)

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If you plan on attending the 2006 Annual Convention/Reunion in Covington, KY, September 28-October 1, 2006, you will be able to vote at the General Meeting on September 30th, where the members present represent a quorum.

## Congratulations to Maj General Dale Meyerrose (USAF-Ret)

**General Meyerrose was nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate (December 17, 2005) to be the Chief Information Officer for the new office, Director of National Intelligence. General Meyerrose is an AACS Life Member and we are extremely proud of his accomplishments and wish him much success in this new and difficult position. The Air Force Command, Control, Communications and Computers Association (AFC4A) held a special luncheon for the General Meyerrose at the Army/Navy Club in Arlington, VA on December 7, 2005 to honor him for his past service to the Communications & Information Community and to wish him well in his position. Bill Bethea, our Sgt-at-Arms, attended and represented the AACS Alumni Association.**

### Board of Directors – Terms of Office “Years for Election”

POSITION	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Executive Director	X*		X*		X*		X*	
Vice Director		X		X		X		X
Executive Secretary	X		X		X		X	
Director for Publicity		X		X		X		X
Director for AF Liaison	X		X		X		X	
Sergeant-At-Arms		X		X		X		X
Treasurer	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID
Director for Membership	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID
Editor/Publisher	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID	ID

**NOTES:**

- Executive Director's Term of Office is limited to 4 consecutive years

The terms of office for the Treasurer, Director for Membership and the Editor/Publisher are indefinite once elected. Other Board Member positions are elected for two (2) year terms.

Members wishing to serve on the Board of Directors or to *nominate other members for Board of Directors positions MUST* contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee (see address listings on inside front cover of this AACS Communicator).

Members must be present at the Annual General Meeting to vote for Board Members or submitted an official Ballot that has been published in the AACS Communicator. Proxy votes are not authorized by our Constitution and By-Laws.

NOTE: Because of the experience and qualifications needed to fulfill some of the Board of Director Positions, Nominations will not be accepted from the floor at our annual convention/ Reunions. The nominating committee will interview each candidate to ensure that they are willing to serve, understand the hours and workload and have the qualifications necessary to fulfill the position.

## THE SPIRIT OF THE 1876TH COMM SQ TAN SON NHUT AB, RVN 1968-1969

In 1968, after Tet, the morale of the 1876th Comm Sq (the largest active Communications Squadron in the world at that time) was down. When Lt. Colonel John W. Carson assumed command, he recognized the low morale and began a series of actions to redirect the units focus. He bought rubber trees and had squadron details plant them on the road leading to the Squadron Orderly room. This was the beginning of the complaints that the “old man” was losing it. He then bought about 50 ducks and put them in the “rainy season” pond across from the NCMO (for you early comm troops and those who came later, the Sq Command Post) and had the NCMO staff count the ducks every morning and report before the Squadron daily “standup” meeting. One morning the majority of the ducks were missing and the word spread thru the squadron like lightning. The NCMO began receiving phone calls from the Air Police about complaints of Comm Sq members stealing ducks from the Viet Air Force areas, and from squadron airmen of where the ducks could be found. To go a step further, the Colonel also had all the Officers and Senior NCO’s (Master Sgt thru Chiefs) report one Saturday morning in jungle fatigues to fill sand bags and replace the rotted sandbags around the airman’s barracks. This really got the attention of all of us in the 1876th. However, Colonel Carson had achieved his goal. The unit began to shape up and in short order became one of the best units in the Air Force Communications Service. Some of the NCO’s got the 7th AF drafting section to draw up the “ruptured” ducks sign below and had the Civil Engineers paint and erect the sign on the road leading to the Orderly room. At the 2004 AACS Convention/Reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona, there was a mini reunion of the some of the Officers, NCO’s and airman who served with the Colonel and he was recognized as being the “right person, at the right time in the right job”. He surely was one of the best Squadron Commanders ever.



### “ A NOTE FOR ROBERT GILA”

**Dear Hank:**

**At Itazuke AB, Japan in 1954 all the Control Tower operators had to take a turn in a Jet link trainer. I’m not sure why, as we dealt with VFR. I took off great, but crashed on landing.**

**At Hollister Airport, in California there are 5 P-51’s that fly out there. Some people don’t think there are that many left that can fly.**

**Robert Gila**

**1156 San Benito St. #17**

**Hollister, CA 95023-4870**

## “MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS”

The following AACS Alumni Association members have made donations to the AACS Donation Fund since the November 2005 issue of the AACS Communicator:

Balaich, Paul L.  
Benson, Sherman  
Cristiano, Joesph C.  
Cumbee, Archie  
Gamble, Robert L.  
Gillis, Dick  
Harding, Charles  
Kohlberg, J.

Rowe, Arthur R.  
Sanderson, Kenneth R.  
Snyder, Donald E.  
Stephanoff, Austin  
Stevens, Allen  
Whitehead, John

### ATTENTION FORMER POW'S

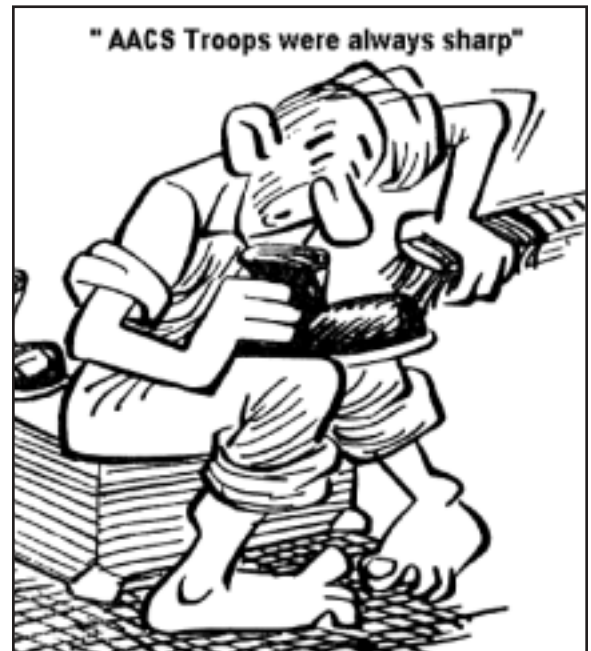
**Any former POW who has not yet applied for benefits should contact the VA by calling 1-800-827-1000 or visit their web site at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)**

**There are many POW's, who may be eligible, but have not yet applied for their benefits. This is your chance....contact the VA now.**

**Chuck Finch of Fairbank, Iowa sends another photo of the AACS Group in Delhi, India, 1944.**



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hi, India, May, 1944



**Some Memories of  
Robert G. Bjurstrom of his days in Tokyo**

**The building is the Tokyo PX on the Ginza. Lots of our AACS troops shopped here until the PX was finally closed as the Military downsized the presence of US Military in Downtown Tokyo. The other photos are of Japanese people lining the departure route of General MacArthur when he was relieved of his command by President Truman during the Korean War.**





Dear Hank:

Dog Yoke to Sugar Roger (That's how old I am).

On or about 1955 when the dumbos in DC decided to change the phonetic alphabet, all of my JASDF tower operators throughout Japan had a real problem. From the Tokyo ARTCC, I used to communicate with towers throughout "Nippon" with guys named (for example), Hideo Nakamaru. When signing off on a departure or arrival or whatever, I said "Dog Yoke" and he said "Nan Uncle". It sounded like "Naaan Unkaa", but it was understandable and he was a guy speaking better English than I spoke Japanese.

Not good enough for the DC dumbos. With the new phonetic alphabet "Nan Uncle" became "November Uniform", which when Hideo finally tried it, it came out "November Youneehorm". The real purpose of my note was to say "congrats" on the new AACCS Communicator and your new job as the Executive Director.

I would not mind hearing from any of the AACCS folks who served with the 1962nd AACCS Sq at Kadena and the others from Yontan and Naha. (1953-1954), Johnson AB, north of Tokyo (1954-1956) and the NYARTCC at Idlewild, Hangar 11 (1957-1958). My email is jfdaley939@adelphia.net) and I am listed on the membership roster.

Best Regards,

Jim Daley

**Editors Note:** Thanks for the kind words on the New AACCS Communicator. If our members will continue to send me great letters, stories and photos, we will continue to publish one of the best alumni publications going. The AACCS Communicator really is a members product.

### SOME AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HISTORY

When the Columbus, Ohio 1977 "Poker Game" was held and some serious discussions about forming the AACCS Alumni Association were held, the following was the first official organizational structure of this great Association. All of the individuals listed below, were not only outstanding leaders, they also had the vision of what we, as an Association, could and did become.

At what we now call the first "AACCS Board of Directors Meeting" in 1977, the original organizational structure was created as follows:

POSITION	INCUMBENT
Executive Director:	Haskell "Hack" Neal
Membership/Newsletter:	Mary Louise Gordon
Treasurer:	Paul Haas
Regional Representatives:	
Ken Klise & Glen Turner	Northwest
John Hoff	Rocky Mountains
Gene & M.L. Gordon	So. California
John Stevenson	Southwest
Larry Camp	Midwest
Dick & Jane Dickerson	Greater Washington DC area
Max Mankofsky	New York

**Some Memories of Clyde R. Dodd  
1962 AACS SQ & 2046th AACS Sq  
1956 -1958**

Clyde suggests and he is correct that the majority of the stories and photos we print are from the WWII and Korea time frames. He would like to hear from any of our members who served at Kadena or at Wright-Patterson to get in touch. He is listed on our membership roster and his email is [crdodd386@hotmail.com](mailto:crdodd386@hotmail.com).



1962 AACS CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES PARTY  
KADENA AFB OKINAWA OCT 5 1957  
FIRST SGT STICHNEY (M.SGT)

1962 AACS KADENA AFB OKINAWA @ ANWSS TRANSMITTER SITE  
L-R RUD BUNNIGER, GLEN COOK, PAUL HILL, MONTY LORENTE, PAUL WALLER & NORM WIM McHENRY 1957



KOVACH, YOUNG, DODD, BANFER, SMITH  
WEIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, FAIRBOEN, OHIO  
2046 AACS MARCH, 1958

ANWSS TRANSMITTER SITE, MICROWAVE TOWER  
1962 AACS KADENA AFB OKINAWA SEPT '58  
GIRMAN NORM. WM. McHENRY, AIRMAN DODD



1962 AACS KADENA AFB OKINAWA '56-'57  
ANWSS TRANSMITTER SITE. MOVING IN BEFORE Typhoon



McHENRY, COOK, LOEWZ, GRACE



RADIO MAINTENANCE CLASS (G.R.M.-B-1) Apr-Dec 1955  
Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

# Future CTOs Find Interesting Course Here

*The Pilot's All-Weather Friends*



Day or night, fair weather or foul, the control tower operators are the pilot's friends when the aircraft enters the traffic pattern around the Air Force's runways. Depicted here are cadets CTOs who will one day help pilots take their aircraft into the ether and help bring them back—safely.

They will come when the typing practice stations in the upper photo are working well away from the distance between safe and smooth operation of the tower or catastrophe. Learning touch typing and how to copy instructions received over the radio comes during the early phase of the course.

Personnel problems in control of traffic around the landing field are worked on as well in the lower right photo. Students sitting in the left represent aircraft in flight while students whose head is buried under the radio sets are tower operators.

Needing completion in the field of four systems of actual control towers, complete with instruments, that are to be built at the CTO school here, how they will be utilized to the best advantage for the student is seen in the photo at center left. Instructors pose in place of students here. Seated in foreground are students who represent aircraft in flight while five students

handle towers in tower in rear. Staff posing represents instructor.

One of the first jobs in the control tower for these future operators will be the issue of frequency pattern. Center right photo shows two students, Pfc. Jack Wright and Joseph Lane, reading the frequency. In close relation to the frequency is the use of the radio equipment. Bottom left photo shows two students, Pfc. Walter Vales, left, and Pfc. Henry Van Winkle, center, becoming familiar with the receiving equipment while the instructor, Pfc. Richard Gillham, looks on.

Advanced students become acquainted with the operation of an Air Route Traffic Control Center as seen in lower right picture. Three are in background represent students while Capt. E. J. Sosenovics, with telephone, represents one of the two instructors. (Capt. J. H. Minko at right is an instructor in this phase. This control center is patterned after the Air Route Traffic Control Center at New Orleans. It is the "eyes" for all air traffic on instruments in a wide area.)

When not actually instructing classes, instructors, lower center photo, give courses for future classes and grade test papers.

# AACS Celebrated Eleven Years Of Service Tuesday

Tuesday marked the end of eleven years of service for one of the least publicized arms of the Air Force—Airways and Air Communications Service—Aerial Communications, Inc.—in carrying out its assigned mission, to make flying more safe and sure, after 11 years, AACS is represented at Kessler by the 1919-1 AACS Detachment.

Present in control towers, operating ocean-spanning radio ranges, flying stretched over the lightning green lights of GCA scopes, the men of AACS are scattered these days in isolated, like remote of old, or working metropolitan Air Force stations, they are operating and maintaining communications and navigational aids wherever American military aircraft spread their wings.

On November 3, 1938, a directive was circulated through Air Corps headquarters that became the nucleus for the world-wide organization.

## AACS

increased from one to two. This directive called for activation of the Army Airways Communications System on November 18th of that year. The vision, at that time, was to maintain and operate strategic Communications for military aircraft. It is of that date, this new organization would take over the air communications at thirty-three existing fields of the Army Air Corps, and at such other places as might become necessary along military air routes.

Once established, AACS quickly began to grow in proportion to expanded responsibilities. By 1942, it was decided that it should act as the backbone of the occupied United States, but should it least branch out to the territories. A radio range for Puerto Rico was the first step. Five months later, Puerto Rico, the system is that routes lead groups in the mind that all spheres in the Caribbean region, Puerto Rico, and Panama were grafted into a single

In 1940, the Army, Navy and Civil Aeronautics Administration combined a traffic plan for control of the Airways of the Army. The outcome of the planning was that AACS was ordered to undertake activation of four Alaska Airways stations at once.

The spring of 1941 found AACS stepping ashore on foreign soil for the first time when it landed in Newfoundland. Eight months before the blow fell at Pearl Harbor, students were aiding the ferry crews on the lonely hope to England. Greenland and Iceland followed in rapid succession as the service work of AACS radio houses began to wrap itself around the world. By the time the tide of war was beginning to turn in allied favor, it was beginning to be really difficult to get beyond their reach.

The scope of the accomplishments of AACS during the war would fill several books. Like every other branch of the service, they did their duty as it came. Most of it was the dull routine of maintenance and normal operation but occasionally it was spectacular in the extreme. Like the other services, AACS had its tales of heroism beyond the call of duty, of valiant aircraft, and even more valiant fighting men, swept from disaster. In both the Atlantic, in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific, it was always ready to extend a helping hand to the pilot in trouble.

The lineages of war stretches of ocean secured a little less with the steady ring of the beam leading the aircraft to its destination. And what a comfort, when vision slipped at the windshield to hear the sure voice of the GCA, approach leading the plane down through the mist to a safe landing. The voice of aircraft and crews saved by this electronic magic was, perhaps, not calculated in dollars and cents, but the value of the morale created by the knowledge of its availability cannot even be estimated.

Few people remember the Monday night when the dramatic radio announcement came. "The first American troops have landed in Japan. They are members of the Army Airways Communications System". Force is short and the story is gone, but most of the AACS still sit before their radios all over the world listening for the RCG they hope they will never hear. Had it, like all the Air Force, by demobilization after the war, the AACS now remained the Airways and Air Communications Service, a standing, training its technicians, improving its equipment and making itself ready for anything that may come.



**Dave Engleman and his wife who also was a tower operator sent these articles from the Kessler News.**

**His daughter, was in the 2nd class of Electronic Maint in the 70's and was the 1st female to be Assigned to ILS, TACAN, etc.**

**Dear Hank:**

**On page 21 of the 2005 Newsletter, I saw the picture of Major Allan C. Forbes. He was a Captain in the 78th AACS at Shepard Field when I joined the group along with William (Bill) Irving Slaughter in 1944. Bill and I had been in Honolulu with the CAA (now the FAA) radio station KVM. Both of us were on a deferment, and when it was time to sign up for another deferment, we both declined so we could get in the Army. We had been working closely with the AACS as we handled mostly military traffic via CW. We were drafted and somehow ended up at Shepard Field for Basic. Near the end of basic, we knew there was an AACS outfit on the field, so we went over to offer our services. We surprised Capt. Forbes by sending practice messages back and forth at about 30WPM. That was no big deal as 30 was the minimum to work at KVM. He said he would have orders cut for us to join the AACS upon completion of basic. One room has 6 stacks of SX-28 Hallicrafters and BC-779 Super Pro receivers which had never been set up. That was our job and to teach how to use them. You know that it is a whole new ball game copying CW from a receiver rather than in a classroom environment. I would go to work early and copy a couple of pages of press for Capt. Forbes and have it on his desk when he arrived. I remember the day he made Major. I think he must have smoked a couple of extra cigars in celebration. Anyhow, by the time I was discharged, he had made me the NCOIC of the 78th AACS Continuation Training and Replacement Depot. Sorry I haven't sent this sooner, but I've had a heart attack, two melanoma operations, treatment for Lupus and COPD !  
Its a Bummer !! 73**

**George Hunsaker  
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Albuquerque, NM 87105-7047**

**Dear Mac:**

**Thanks for reminding me of the upcoming dues, never hear from the old bunch anymore. For one reason, I have forgotten what Frequencies and time of day the net meets. Would appreciate any info you could send me so I can check in now and then. Am an old WWII vet and belong to the AACS Club, #610 with the 10-10 international on 10 meters, Air Forces Flyers Club #345 and the 379th BMGP (B-17 Radio Operator and Ball Turret Gunner). Set up a Homing Beacon 65 miles North North West (NNW) of Inchon, Korea, right on the 38th Parallel and 6 miles South of Haeju, N. Korea. Flew by giant Texas flag from the antenna. It missed a few strafings and I still have it. The first night we slept on the beach full of big rocks. Just me and 4 other GI's, plus many bags of rice to hire workers to help set up the tents on the hill side. The natives were real cool and I wish I could have brought old 'Papasan' back with me. The reason for the Homing Beacon was to guide our fighters away from anywhere near Panmunjom. It was where the Peach Conferences were to take place. My wife and two sons came to Japan so I soon went back to Johnson AB in Japan and late in 1954 retired and here I am. Hope to hear you on the Air soon. W5JWJ.**

**Chet Taylor**

**P.S. The proudest period of my military career was being assigned as a Radio Operator on a B-17 called "Starduster" Tail # 446393, belonging to then Lt. General Ira C. Eaker. He once introduced me to his niece, "Bee Bee" Davis and her husband, Ben Lyons. Both were silent film stars.**

**Editors Note: Chet, see the Ham Report and the AACS Ham net schedule for days/hours and frequencies in this issue of the AACS Communicator.**

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# AACS REUNION

CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP & HERITAGE



By Mr. Gerald Sonnenberg  
AFCA Public Affairs

## OVERLAND PARK, Kan. —

About 250 members of the AACS Alumni Association gathered here in late September for their 29th reunion.

The members are communicators from nearly every state who represent every decade and conflict since the early days of Army and Air Force communications in the 1930s. These communications, air traffic control, and various comm unit support people helped develop today's Air Force. The reunions serve to help them remember and be remembered for their sacrifices to the nation.

During the four-day event John Arceneaux, Bob Harper, George McConnell, and Ron Howard talk about the "good ole days." Each man served at RAF Croughton, England, in the 1230th Airways and Air

Communications Service outside North Hampton in the late 1950s. They were the largest group of any one unit represented at the reunion. "We come here to renew friendships and tell the same stories over again. And the stories get better every time," said Mr. Howard.

Sharing experiences in details that may have seemed insignificant at the time is a skill that most members seem to take pride in. That pride is communicated from generation-to-generation, for example, as a veteran of Desert Storm compared his experience with his counterpart, a woman, who was a radio operator in Europe in 1945.

The reunion is more than telling stories. World War II and Korean War AACS veterans toured Independence, Mo., and the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library. There, they questioned "President Truman," who was in the form of a historian and actor look-alike, about issues of

that time during a White House "press conference." Also, they took part in a remembrance service to honor those who had passed away during the year.

The most enjoyable time for many they say was the banquet on the last night. Airmen from the 509th Communications Squadron at Whiteman AFB, Mo., were scattered throughout the hall as guests of the ranking officer seated at their table. The average age of AACS members is 74, and the experiences they pass on to the young Airmen are invaluable to some.

The respect is mutual as AACS members applaud one senior airman who had just returned from Iraq.

"These are men and women who represented core values even before there were core values," said new AACS member Denise Sonnenberg, a 1999 retired E-6 air traffic controller. "I'm looking forward to next year."



## 2006 REUNION

Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 Covington, KY

[www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)

The association welcomes any communicator, information manager, air traffic controller, or other administrative/maintenance communications and air traffic control support personnel assigned to those functional areas for membership.

## JOINT PROJECT YIELDS SOLUTION FOR ATCALs ASSETS

By 1st Lt. Dustin Nowak  
609th Air Communications Squadron

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. - Today's Air Force is accomplishing its mission on many fronts across the globe. Often times the expeditionary environment means doing more with less, especially in the world of deployable communications. When it comes to deployable Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems, the Air Force's current inventory is programmed to provide only six months of Air Traffic Control capabilities to the warfighter. Currently the Area of Responsibility employs all but one of the Air Force's tactical ATCALs packages (TPN-19s from ACC, MPN-14s from the ANG and MPN-25s from AMC), virtually eliminating the possibility of rotation. The 609th Air Communications Squadron sought assistance from the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Charleston. The joint venture developed a solution that takes Navy radar assets scheduled for removal along with some new engineering to develop a robust mid-term airfield system suite in-a-box. The Suite, The ASR-9/GPN-27 was chosen because of its availability and supportability. It was upgraded with digital capabilities, built in a pair of conjoined Sea-land containers for mobility, and named the Containerized Airport Surveillance Radar. The Radar Approach Control was designed inside three Sea-land containers and called the Transportable RAPCON. Micro En-route Automated Radar Tracking System and Enhanced Terminal Voice Switch, two Federal Aviation Administration and Air Force certified systems, were employed in the TRAPCON to expedite purchase and deployment. The Transportable Transmit Receive Suite was developed using URC/CM-200UHF/VHF radios to provide the ground-to-air communications. It consists of four antenna towers and one Sea-land container with the tower separated to reduce radio interference. Finally, the Precision Approach Radar, still widely used by Army aircraft, is a GPN-22 system engineered in a similar configuration to the TPN-25. After approximately a year of engineering, the suites will be installed at six sites around the AOR, giving each site ATC services comparable to that of stateside facilities with the flexibility to be moved or removed at a moment's notice. The sites will be completed within two years and are scheduled to remain in place until U.S. forces fully withdraw from the AOR.



**Dear Hank:**

I graduated from Scott Field ACTS on Dec 17, 1941, as a student radio operator (CW – sending/receiving code, plain text). My code speed was 16 wpm (minimum to graduate). At English Field, Amarillo, TX, I was assigned to WZP as a student operator, with additional duties as a voice operator (in those days, all AACS stations had "air/ground frequencies" for contact with over flying aircraft). That's how Position Reports got back to the pilot's home base. Two months later, I was operating a semi-automatic speed key at 25wpm and received the MOS 760 (a 756 was an aircraft radio operator who used the old slower J-36 hand-key).

In early 1942, I was promoted from Pfc Specialist 3rd Class (\$52 a month) and then to Sergeant (\$60 a month). I skipped Corporal due to War-time rapid expansion in the old 3rd AACS Squadron. In June I made Staff Sgt (\$72 a month) and in August 1943, I made TSgt (\$96 a month). Finally in 1944, I was promoted to Master Sgt (\$128 a month). I was at that time MOS 542, Station Chief (administration, radio, tower, crypto, D/F and everything else electronic). I used to wonder why we needed Officers as they only signed papers and got in the way. But they did protect us NCO's from guard duty and KP.

Most of those who followed us in the coming years, do not know that back then, the only "Voice radio operators were Control Tower operators, MOS 552 (now dignified as Air Traffic Controllers). MOS's went out in late 1949 or in early 1950, after the Air Force became a separate service and Air Force Specialty Codes (AFCS's) replaced the MOS. I helped write the Job Knowledge Tests for some of the communications fields. The 239XX AFSC was created for the radio operators at the base comm level, with the 3, 5 and 7 level skills levels for entry, qualified and supervisor. Today CW is a thing of the past and "ah me", how time flies when your having fun. Of course, the PAY is a "helluva" lot better nowadays. I started as a \$21 a month Tower Operator. I'm afraid to ask what an Airman Basic draws these days – maybe \$42 a month ?????

**Bob Powell**

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**Editors Note:** I believe Bob retired as a Lt. Col, so his remarks above "why we needed officers" must have proved him wrong.





## “THE ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE PAGE”

### “Background”

In 2004, the AACS Alumni Association unanimously voted to change our Constitution to authorize Air Force Communications, Information, Air Traffic Controllers and Support personnel (Officers, Airman and Civilians) who have served or are now serving in any Air Force Major Command (including Joint/Specified Commands).

The changes in eligibility were predicated on ensuring the perpetuity of the AACS Alumni Association as the growing age of the current 2,500 plus members is now over 74 years in age, with a significant number of them being WWII veterans. The age factor was a major concern in maintaining a viable Association for the long-term and to provide an Association such as ours, to those individuals now serving in the Air Force. The AACS Alumni Association was formed in 1977 to provide a forum for those who served, to meet on an annual basis to renew friendships and make new ones and to stay abreast of the changes in the Air Force.

We have coordinated with the senior Air Force leadership and have added local base Comm and ATC units to “The AACS Communicator” distribution list for the June and November issues we publish. We are going to devote up to four (4) pages of each issue to stories and photos of active duty activities (based on input) and we solicit your stories and photos of interest.

**Beginning in September 2006, we will present an annual award with a Trophy (ceramic eagle), Certificate and Saving Bond to an outstanding Air Traffic Controller and a Communications/Information Professional of the Year (E1 to E5). The Air Force Communications Agency and the Air Force Flight Standards Agency will select the Airman to be honored at our annual banquet in late September. Awards will be presented to these outstanding airmen by a Senior Air Staff Communications/Information individual and the Chief of Airfield Management and Air Traffic Control.**

The AACS Alumni Association welcomes all our new Air Force active duty “readers” and hopes that you will enjoy our official publication and take part in this great Alumni Association, who continues to maintain a close relationship with our active duty brethren. It has been our custom for many years that if our annual convention/reunion is being held in a city close to an Air Force Base, we invite as our guests for the Banquet, members of the local communications and air traffic control units. At many of these Banquets, it is not unusual for our older members to tell the “young Officers, NCO’s and Airmen”, sitting with us, that they should look around, as in 40 to 50 years, they will be trading places with us. It is our custom to have the Air Force Flight Standards Agency (AFFSA) provide a “State of Air Force Air Traffic Control” presentation and the Senior Air Staff Communications/Information Leadership to provide a “State of Air Force Communications/Information” presentation,

In addition, the Air Force Communications Agency (AFCA) History Office provides historical displays at our conventions/reunions to depict significant events in our Air Force Communications and Air Traffic Control History.

Stories and photos for “The AACS Communicator” should be forwarded to:  
Hank Sauer, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 or email [DirAACS@Comcast.net](mailto:DirAACS@Comcast.net) ( phone: 865-482-3013),  
**NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1st AND OCTOBER 1st of each year.**

Questions about membership or about our Association should be addressed to:  
Mac Maginnis, 6032 S. Bell, Tacoma, WA 98408, [C.Maginnis@Comcast.net](mailto:C.Maginnis@Comcast.net), 253-474-8128  
or call 1-866-299-1045 Toll Free  
Visit the AACS Web Site: [www.aacsalumni.com](http://www.aacsalumni.com)

“Fellowship in the Company of Equals”



**New Chief of Airfield Management/Air Traffic Control  
at AFFSA, Andrews AFB, MD**

**Colonel Rocky Swearingin, replaced Colonel William Rumpel, who retired at the end of 2005 and returned to Germany in a Civilian capacity. Col Swearingin entered the Air Force in 1972 and worked as an Air Traffic Controller at Whiteman AFB, MO, Udorn, Thailand, Patrick AFB, FL, and Scott AFB, IL. He was commissioned in 1982 after attending OTS and has had a variety of assignments in and out of his career field. The AACS Alumni Association welcomes Colonel Swearingin to his new job and we wish him much success. He has been invited to the 2006 AACS Convention/Reunion in Covington, Kentucky this coming September.**

**Major General William T. Lord  
Is the new  
Director, Information Services and Integration.  
Secretary of the Air Force, Office of  
War fighting Integration & Chief Information Officer  
SAF/XCI**



**General Lord comes to the Air Staff from Keesler AFB, Mississippi, where he was the Commander, 81st Training Wing and where he displayed outstanding leadership during and after Hurricane Katrina. General Lord is an AACS Alumni Association Member.**

## **New Air Force Mission Statement**



**"The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of American and its global interests - to fly and fight in Air, Space and Cyberspace"**

**The new mission statement includes two new concepts, "overeign option" and "cyberspace"**

**The inclusion of "overeign option" is the essence of being a super power and the term "cyberspace" includes network security, data transmission and the sharing of information.**

## **New AACS Active Duty Awards Program**

**(The Communications/Information Professional and Air Traffic Controller of the Year)**

**The AACS Alumni Association Board of Directors, unanimously voted to establish two new awards for active duty airmen each year. We will honor two airmen with a rank between E-1 and E-5 as the Communications/Information Professional of the Year and the Air Traffic Controller of the Year. The Air Force Communications Agency (AFCA) and the Air Force Flight Standards Agency (AFFSA) have included the AACS Awards into their annual Air Force Awards program and will provide us with the names of the outstanding airman who have been selected.**

**We will invite these airmen to our annual Convention/Reunion where we will honor them. We plan on presenting them with an engraved Eagle, a Saving Bond and a Certificate to accompany the award. Current plans are for the Senior Air Force official from the Communications/Information and Air Traffic Control communities to make the presentations.**

**We were unsuccessful in our research efforts to name the awards after a deceased air traffic controller or communications/information professional. While we had a number of names submitted from various sources, documentation was in most cases non-existent. Therefore to be fair, we decided to name the award "The AACS Annual Award". The names of these two outstanding airman were not known at the time of publishing the AACS Communicator.**

**Hank Sauer  
Executive Director**

## ALUMNI MEMBER HONORED



General William "Tom" Hobbins, Commander, United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) and an AACS Alumni Life Member, was honored on March 20, 2006 as one of 2005's Outstanding 100 Federal Employees who contributed meaningful contributions in Technology to the Federal Government. General Hobbins was Director of War fighting Integration on the Air Staff until his promotion to 4 Star rank and appointment as the USAFE Commander in December 2005. War fighting Integration was formed in the early 2000's to bring together Command, Control, Communications & Computers with Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance, to streamline the "what, where, how and when" of critical information needed by the "war-fighters".

General Hobbins was recognized and honored for his leadership in the development of state-of-the-art systems to support critical battlefield requirements. He masterminded the Air Force's contemporary strategy for war fighting with networked weapons systems. This strategy calls for high-speed IP networks that links air, space and ground networks so Air Force Personnel can target and attack enemy forces more quickly. It enables time-sensitive targeting and collaboration to a degree of speed and precision never before seen in modern militaries.

General Hobbins is the second AACS Alumni Life Member honored as one of the Federal Governments 100 outstanding individuals. Major General Dale Meyerrose (USAF-Ret), also an AACS Alumni Life Member was honored for his accomplishments in 2004.

## Air Force Communications/Information Major General Promotions

**The President has nominated John W. Maluda, Hq Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, Virginia (an AACS Alumni Life Member) and Richard E. Webber, Hq Air Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado for promotion to the grade of Major General. Congratulations to both these fine Officers.**



# intercom AACS Reunion

**By Mr. Gerald Sonnenberg**

AFCA Public Affairs

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. —About 250 members of the AACS Alumni Association gathered here in late September for their 29th reunion. The members are communicators from nearly every state who represent every decade and conflict since the early days of Army and Air Force communications in the 1930s. These communications, air traffic control, and various comm unit support people helped develop today's Air Force. The reunions serve to help them remember and be remembered for their sacrifices to the nation.



During the four-day event John Arceneaux, Bob Harper, George McConnell, and Ron Howard talk about the "good ole days." Each man served at RAF Croughton, England, in the 1230th Airways and Air Communications Service outside North Hampton in the late 1950s. They were the largest group of any one unit represented at the reunion. "We come here to renew friendships and tell the same stories over again. And the stories get better every time," said Mr. Howard.

Sharing experiences in details that may have seemed insignificant at the time is a skill that most members seem to take pride in. That pride is communicated from generation-to-generation, for example, as a veteran of Desert Storm compared his experience with his counterpart, a woman, who was a radio operator in Europe in 1945. The reunion is more than telling stories. World War II and Korean War AACS veterans toured Independence, Mo., and the Harry S. Truman Presidential Museum and Library. There, they questioned "President Truman," who was in the form of a historian and actor look-alike, about issues of that time during a White House "press conference." Also, they took part in a remembrance service to honor those who had passed away during the year.

The most enjoyable time for many they say was the banquet on the last night. Airmen from the 509th Communications Squadron at Whiteman AFB, Mo., were scattered throughout the hall as guests of the ranking officer seated at their table. The average age of AACS members is 74, and the experiences they pass on to the young Airmen are invaluable to some. The respect is mutual as AACS members applaud one senior airman who had just returned from Iraq. "These are men and women who represented core values even before there were core values," said new AACS member Denise Sonnenberg, a 1999 retired E-6 air traffic controller. "I'm looking forward to next year."



**30<sup>TH</sup> AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION/REUNION  
RADISSON HOTEL CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT, COVINGTON, KENTUCKY  
SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 1, 2006**



**Hosts**

**Bob Akard & Hank Sauer**



**MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

**REGISTER EARLY TO MAKE SURE YOU GET A SEAT ON THE BUSES !!!**

**Send Registration and other Forms to Hank Sauer No Later Than September 5, 2006  
(There is a \$25 late fee for all registrations received after September 15th, 2006)**

**The AACS Hospitality Room (a room with a spectacular of the Cincinnati Skyline)  
Will be open at Noon on Wednesday, September 27th, 2006**

**Airline Destinations should be to Cincinnati - The Cincinnati  
Airport is in COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

**INFORMATION AND FORMS FOLLOW**



**30TH Annual Board of Directors  
Meeting**

**Thursday, September 28, 2006**

**12:30 PM (light lunch)**

**Location will be announced at Hotel.**

**TENTATIVE SUBJECTS**

1. Old Business
  2. New Business
- + Board Member Reports
  - + 2007 Budget Review and Approval
  - + Income/Expense 12 Month Review
  - + Minor Change to AACS By-Laws
  - + Out year Possible Dues Increase
  - + Annual Contributions
  - + 2007 Convention/Reunion  
Location/Host
  - + AF Hall of Fame, AACS Hall of  
Honor & AACS Life Achievement  
Awards
  - + Subjects presented by the Board  
and/or Alumni Members

**TENTATIVE CLOSE: 3 PM**

Non-Voting Members and AACS Committee Members are invited to participate along with any AACS Alumni Member choosing to attend and/or present a subject to the Board. Only Voting members of the Board can be present when formal voting is conducted.

**Members can write to the Executive Secretary prior to the convention/reunion with written proposals, questions and comments for the Board to address no later than 30 days prior to the convention/reunion start date.**

**A "SNAPSHOT OF EVENTS"**

**Tuesday, 9/26/06:** Hosts Check into Hotel

**Wednesday, 9/27/06:** Board of Directors Check into Hotel, Hospitality Room open **Noon – midnight.**

Early Arrival Members check into Hotel Registration Desk opened: 6PM – 9PM

**NO FORMAL EVENT PLANNED**

Suggested visit to the "German Community" within a short walking Distance from the Hotel (shops, places to eat, etc)

**Thursday, 09/28/06:**

Registration Desk opened: 10AM- 8PM Hospitality Room Open Noon- midnight. Members will renew and make new Friendships and enjoy the view of the Cincinnati Skyline. Dining at the Newport, Kentucky Hofbrauhaus, an authentic Gashaus That is owned by the Munich, Germany Hofbrauhaus. German "bier" is made on site and the food is great. Buses scheduled to leave around 5:30PM from the Hotel.

**Friday, 09/29/06:**

Hotel Restaurant will open at 6AM Golf Car Pools will depart around 7:15AM Tours of Northern Kentucky & Cincinnati will depart the Hotel around 9AM.

Visit to the Argosy Casino. Bus will depart around 9AM. Dinning/River Cruise on the Belle of Cincinnati. Buses will depart around 5PM.

**Saturday, 09/30.06:**

Breakfast & General Meeting will start at 7AM (serving line will close at 9:30AM. Prayer Luncheon will be in Ballroom starting At 1PM. No-host bar by Ball Room opens at 5:45PM Banquet starts at **6:30PM SHARP!**

**Sunday, 10/01/06:**

Get-Away-Breakfast starts At 7:30AM (serving line closes at (9:30AM). Closing Comments, awards & brief preview of the 2007 Convention/Reunion.

## CONVENTION/REUNION SCHEDULE

**30<sup>th</sup> AACS Alumni Association Convention/Reunion  
Thursday September 28 – Sunday October 1, 2006  
Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront  
Covington, Kentucky**



EVENT	TIME	COST PER-PERSON
<b><u>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2006</u></b>		
Early Registration & Check-In: Located in the Hospitality Complex Registration Fee, per-person if not previously paid by September 5th	6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	\$ 85.00
Late Charge per Registration received after September 15, 2006 (Register early so the Host can finalize tours, meals, bus seats, etc)		\$25.00
Hospitality Room (see Lobby board for location) Light finger Food will be available from 4 to 6 pm.	Noon to Midnight	
<b><u>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2006</u></b>		
Registration & Check-in: Check-In will be in the Hospitality Complex. Registration Fee, per-person, if not previously paid.	Noon to 8:00pm	\$ 85.00
Hospitality Room Light finger Food will be provided from	Noon to Midnight	Noon to 3 pm
Buffet Dinner at the German Hofbrauhaus German "Bier" made on the premises and Authentic German Cooking. (Dress is Casual, if you have German Bavarian clothes, please wear them)	5:45 pm to 9:15/9:30 pm	\$38.00
<b><u>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2006</u></b>		
Registration & Check-in: Check-In will be in the Hospitality Complex. Hospitality Room	Noon to 5:00pm Noon to Midnight	
<b>Golf Tournament:</b> Boone Links is an 18 hole, par 72, 6,736 yard public Club just 25 minutes from the Hotel. USGA Rules apply. Proper attire required (collared shirt, no jeans). Non-Metal spikes only. Includes a light lunch & Awards Ceremony.	7:20 am • Car Pool	\$50.00
TOUR: City Tours of Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. Great sights (open lunch)	9:15 am to 3:30 pm	\$26.00
Visit to the Argosy Casino (open Lunch)	9:30 am to 3.00 pm	\$20.00
The Crypto Then and Now Seminar (Hank Sauer)	1:30 pm to 3.00 pm	No Charge
 B&B Riverboat Dinning Cruise on the Ohio Includes transportations, food and entertainment. Note: The Croughton Group will attend this event.	5:30 pm to 10:30 pm	\$49.00



EVENT	TIME	COST PER-PERSON
<b><u>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006:</u></b>		
Buffet Breakfast/General Business Meeting <i>Note: Buffet line will close at 9:30 am</i>	7:00 am	Included in Registration
Presentation of Colors	7:30 am	
General Meeting:	7:45 am	
State of Air Force Air Traffic Control <i>(Air Force Flight Standards Agency)</i>	9:00 am	
AACS Memorial Service Program (AACS Chaplain and Sgt-at-Arms)	10:00 am	
Hospitality Room	Noon – 4 pm	
ANNUAL PRAYER LUNCHEON <b>Great Buffet Lunch!</b>	1:00 pm – 3 pm	\$25.00
<b>ANNUAL BANQUET:</b>		
Pay as you go Bar will be available at: Banquet:	5:30 pm	No Charge if Registration Fee Paid
IF REGISTRATION FEE <b>NOT PAID</b> , BANQUET COST IS:		\$40.00 per-person
SEATING PROMPTLY AT:	6:30 PM (Sharp)	
+ Posting the Colors, Invocation, Introduction of Guests, Pledge of Allegiance. POW/MIA Ceremony (General Prather & Bill Bethea)		
+ Dinner your Choice of: Beef, Pork, Salmon or Vegetarian		
+ Presentation of Awards (AACS Hall of Honor & Life Achievement)		
+ AACS 2007 Air Force Hall of Fame Nominee		
+ ATC and Comm Profession of the Year		
+ Featured Speaker: Mr. Gary Griesser, “Commanding Inspirations”		
+ Air Staff presentation “State of Air Force Communications/Information”		
DANCING	9:00pm – 11:00pm ?	
Hospitality Room	Following Banquet till Midnight	
<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006</b>		
Farewell Continental Breakfast	7:30am- 9:30am	Included in Registration
Members/Guests with early travel plans will go to the front of the line. Note: Buffet line will close at 9:30 am		
Announcements		
Brief overview of the 2007 Annual Convention/Reunion.		
The 30th Convention/Reunion Closed – Safe journey home to all		



## GENERAL INFORMATION:

**LATE CHARGE:** There is a \$25.00 late charge for registrations received by the Host after September 15, 2006. The host has a significant number of tasks to perform prior to the start date of the reunion. The finalization of the number of buses (seats), reservations for tour admissions, and providing the hotel with the number and types of meals that will be required. In addition, the process of making up registration packages, nametags, etc require additional work for the host and his/her team.

**TOURS:** Tours/Events are not included in the Registration Fee. Tours are individual choices by members and guests. Golf Registration form should be completed and mailed with Registration Form and Name Tag Form..

**PX/BX STORE:** The AACS PX Manager will display and sell AACS PX items such as AACS embroidered windbreakers and shirts, embroidered hats, patches, etc. The Locations of the PX items available for sale will be in the Hospitality Room complex.

**DRAWINGS:** There will be the usual Member travel drawings for \$500 and \$250 to help defray cost of travel and lodging at the reunion. We will also have a 50/50 drawing. Drawings will be made at the Saturday night Banquet. Members must be present to be eligible for all drawing prizes.

**DRESS CODE:** Casual for all events except the Banquet, where men are **encouraged** to wear coats and ties and the ladies to dress accordingly.

**HOSPITALITY ROOM Complex:** Location will be displayed at the Hotel.

Pay as you go Cocktail hour outside the Ball Room on Saturday evening beginning at 5:30pm.

**BANQUET FESTIVITIES BEGIN:** All Members & Guests are asked to be seated by 6:30 pm Sharp. There will be member volunteers in the Banquet Hall to help members & their guests find seats.

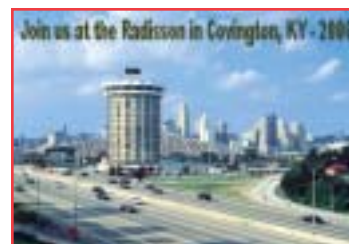
**REGISTRATION FEE. THIS IS A ONE-TIME CHARGE.** The registration fee for all AACS Alumni Association members & their guests is \$85 each and this fee **includes the Saturday and Sunday morning Buffet and the Saturday night Banquet.** The registration fee also includes the Hospitality Room. Members who bring guests or other members who can only attend the Banquet will pay only the cost to attend the Banquet. Banquet Only fee is **\$40.00** per person.



## HOW TO GET TO THE RADISSON HOTEL CINCINNATI RIVER FRONT

668 West Fifth Street

Covington, Kentucky



**BY AIR:** The **Cincinnati airport** also serves Northern Kentucky, and is located In Covington, Kentucky. The Radisson has shuttle service to the hotel. Each Terminal Baggage area has a phone bank for calling the hotel to arrange pickup. There is no periodic hourly schedule.

### OTHER WAYS TO GET TO THE HOTEL FROM THE AIRPORT

**BY INDEPENDENT SHUTTLE:** At the Terminal Baggage areas there is an **Airport Executive Shuttle** service counter. The cost is **\$25 per-person round trip (this is \$12.50 one way)**. If you use this service, you can schedule pickup at the Radisson for the return to the Airport when you arrange for transportation to the Radisson.

You can also call **1-800-990-8841** and make arrangement for their shuttle in **advance and save time at the counter**. Using the phone, credit cards should be used and at the terminal, you can pay in cash, check or credit card. There are a significant number of Airport Executive Shuttle Vans at the Airport and waiting time is minimal.

**BY CAB:** Average Cab Fare **ONE-Way** to and from the Radisson is approximately **\$35**.

**BY AUTOMOBILE:** The Radisson Hotel is located just off Interstate 75. The exit number is 192. Going **NORTH** on Interstate 75, you **MUST** exit at exit 192 as its the last exit in Kentucky and going **SOUTH**, the first exit in Kentucky.

**NOTE:** Going **NORTH** on I-75 **get off on EXIT 192 "5th Street/Covington"** (if you miss this exit, you will cross the Bridge into Cincinnati)

Going **SOUTH** on I-75, **DO NOT EXIT on 5th Street in OHIO**, Cross the River and take Exit 192.

Hotel Parking is **FREE**. RV Parking is permitted on the lower or Back parking area. **CHECK WITH HOTEL FOR RV AUTHORIZED PARKING.**

**IF DRIVING – "DRIVE SAFELY"**  
**IF YOU GET LOST – CALL 859-491-1200**



**RADISSON HOTEL CINCINNATI RIVERFRONT**  
**30TH AAC S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION/REUNION**  
**September 28 – October 1, 2006**

668 West Fifth Street, Covington, KY 41011  
Local Telephone Number: 859-491-1200  
Local Fax Number: 859-491-8698  
800 RESERVATIONS NUMBER: 1-800-333-3333

Group Reservation Code: **AACS 2006**

**BOOK EARLY: There is a fixed number of rooms at the \$82.00 (plus tax) per-night rate.**

Visit: [www.radisson.com/covingtonky](http://www.radisson.com/covingtonky) for hotel information.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AT THE GROUP RATE IS: SEPTEMBER 5, 2006**

\*\*\*\*\*MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS\*\*\*\*\*

**CHECK IN: 3 PM CHECK OUT: NOON**

If paying by **check and mailing reservation form** to the Radisson, this is the information they Need:

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF STAY: Check in \_\_\_\_\_ Check out \_\_\_\_\_ Nbr of nights \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People staying in Room \_\_\_\_\_

Room type: One Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Two Beds \_\_\_\_\_ King \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Smoking \_\_\_\_\_

ANY SPECIAL ITEMS: \_\_\_\_\_

(EXPLAIN IF HANDICAP, REQUIRE SPECIAL FLOOR, ETC)

If guaranteeing the reservation by credit card **OVER THE PHONE**  
OR mailing this form, please provide the following:

Name of Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Card Nbr \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ and NAME ON CARD OR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_



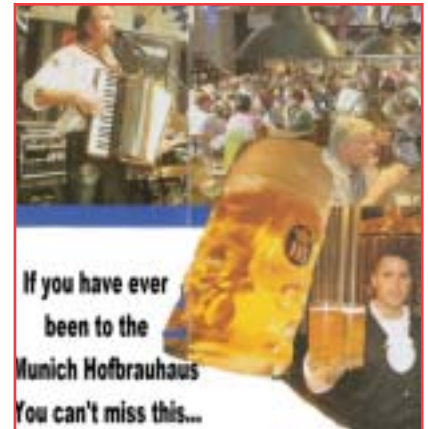
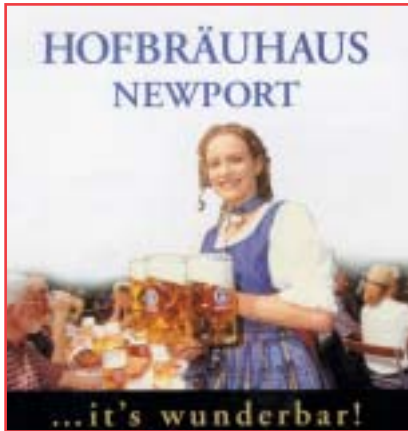
**\*\*\*\*\*2006 EVENTS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND GUEST TO ENJOY\*\*\*\*\***



**WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2006:**

- + The Hospitality Room will open at Noon – Midnight
- + Early sign in at the Registration Table in the Hospitality complex.

**THURSDAY, September 28, 2006:**



**WHAT: DINNING OUT “GERMAN STYLE” (A MUNICH FLAVOR)**

**WHERE: The Hofbrauhaus in Newport, Kentucky (20 minutes from Hotel)**

**TIME: BUSES WILL LEAVE HOTEL AT APPROXIMATELY 5:45 – PM Return 9:15/9:30 PM**

**BUFFET: “Das ist Gut Buffet” Non-Alcohol beverages, house salad, sauerkraut, German potato salad, vegetable medley; jagerschnitzel, pork Chops, mettwurst; applestrudel !!!!!**

**German Bier & other drinks: On an individual pay-as-you-go basis.**

**Music by an Oomp Pa Pa Band**

**Dress: Casual (wear German Bavarian Clothes if you have them)**

**COST: \$38.00 PER-PERSON**

**This is the only event scheduled for Thursday night.  
We want to encourage fellowship among all our members.**

**FRIDAY, September 29, 2006:**

**WHAT: The Annual ‘General Farman’ Golf Tourney**

**WHERE: Boone Links, Florence, KY (30 minute drive)**

**TIME: Car pools will leave Hotel around 7:30 AM; Tee Times: 9AM**

**COST: \$50.00 PER-PERSON (includes a light lunch)**



**FRIDAY Continued:**

**Golf continued: Complete the Name Tag/Golf registration form and submit with your Convention/Reunion Registration Form.**

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**WHAT: Tour of Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati.**

**WHERE: Tour Buses from Hotel**

**TIME: Buses will depart the Hotel at approximately 9:15 AM & return around 3:30 PM**

**COST: \$26.00 PER-PERSON**

**Tour choices selected for diverse interests with the “objective” to “entertain” !!!!**

**Lots to see: Famed Art Deco Union Terminal w/attractions, Great American Ball Park with “Reds” Museum, Eden Park Gardens, lunch break at Newport KY on the Levee (on an individual basis), Saint Mary’s Basilica, Peace Bell with world’s largest swinging bell with a private ringing, “Main Strasse” in Covington, Kentucky, plus**

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**WHAT: Visit to the “World of Argosy” Casino**

**WHERE: In Indiana, approximately 30 minutes from The Hotel.**

**TIME: Depart Hotel at 9:30 AM Return at 3:00 PM**

**COST: \$20.00 PER-PERSON**

**At Casino Check in: A \$5 food voucher, Entry Pass to River Boat and entry for Cash Drawings for that day.**

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**WHAT: “Belle of Cincinnati” Dinner Cruise**

**WHEN: Buses will depart Hotel around 5:30 PM return at 10:30 PM**

**COST: \$49.00 PER-PERSON**

**This is the only event scheduled for Friday night as we want to encourage fellowship with all our members.**

**NOTE: The “Croughton – Sheep Herders” will be signing up for this Dinner/cruise as their annual night out.**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**

**WHAT: THE PRAYER LUNCHEON**

**WHEN: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

**COST: \$25.00 PER-PERSON**

**Host: The AACS Chaplain, Jim Burch**



**ANNUAL AACS BANQUET**

- + Cast Bar outside Ballroom – 5:30 PM
- + **BE SEATED IN BALLROOM BY: 6:30 pm SHARP !!**
- + See Schedule for Banquet events
  
- + Dancing to the “Pete Wagner Band” – 9 PM ? to ???

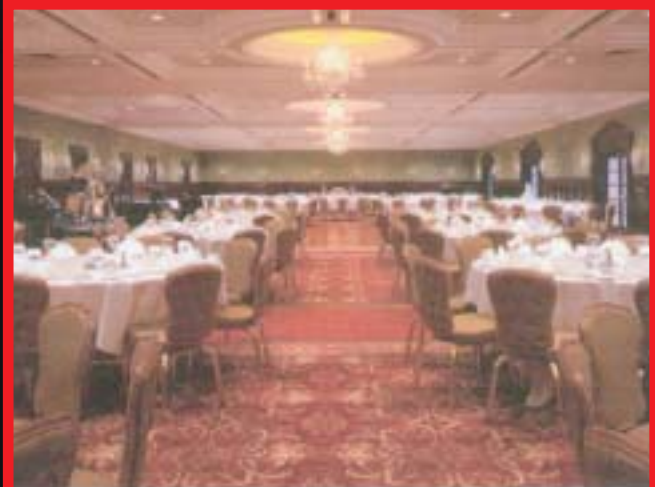




**Cincinnati Skyline from Radisson**



**The Radisson Pool**



**A snapshot of the Radisson Ballroom**

## NEW PX/BX ITEMS

Our Supply "Clerk" has added two new items for our well dressed Alumni Members. A Blue Wind Shirt with our AACS embroidered patch, made of nylon and lined with a cotton lining and new original Blue AACS Patches. The Windshirt is ideal for spring and fall outer garments. Initially they will be stocked in Medium, Large and Extra Large sizes. See PX/BX order form in this issue. Price for the Windshirt is \$23.00, including shipping. We have added "The Old Blue AACS Patch" without AACS -AFCS -AFCC embroidered on it. Cost is \$8.00, including shipping.

**SEE PAGE 67 FOR ORDER FORM**



New AACS Alumni Wind Shirts are now in stock. See the PX/BX Order form in this issue. Cost, including shipping is \$23 and sizes will be M, L and XL.





**SOME PHOTOS THAT H.A. SPIELMAN  
FOUND IN HIS OLD PAPERWORK**

**Control Tower on Emirau Island. Tower Operators were personnel of Det-13 (150th AACCS Sq – Guadalcanal and 71st AACCS Gp – Tontuta, New Caledonia).**

**The B-25 belonged to the 71st AACCS Gp (pictured in cockpit, Pilot Ernest Kern and in the foreground, Navigator, Eugene Malony)**

**The 5 Star Cadillac belonged to General McArthur and is outside the Diachi Building in downtown Tokyo (1946)**



## PAUL SCHOFIELD – BAGPIPER

Paul is a member of the Ancient City Pipe's and Drums. The upper photo is of course Paul "then & now". The bottom photo was an event they played for at the VFW Post 2391, St. Augustine, Florida Xmas Party. Visit the Ancient City Pipes & Drums web site: <http://ac-pipes-and-drums.tripod.com/>



# MEMORIES OF JAPAN 1954-1956

## BY JOHN MACGREADY

**Dear Hank:**

As a Control Tower Operator, I was stationed at Niigata AB, Japan with the 1227th AACS Sq. Usually duty was pretty quiet at this base in Northern Honshu, but when the Marines showed up to fly gunnery, the excitement level escalated.

The first photo is of me, working a day shift in the Tower. As you can see from my uniform we dressed casual. Second picture is a squadron of Marine fighters waiting for gunnery assignments. The third picture is a Marine fighter having lost a wing tank on take-off. He ended up on a road at the end of the runway. The pilot survived.

**John MacGready**



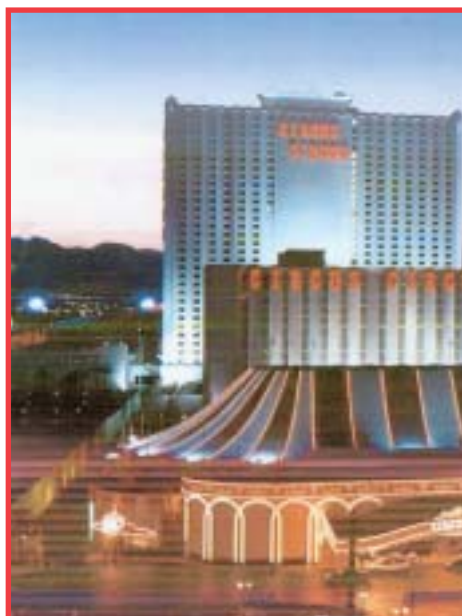
## **"Look out Las Vegas, Here We Come" (Site of the 2007 AACS Convention/Reunion)**

Plans have been made for the 2007 AACS Convention/Reunion to be held at the Circus-Circus Hotel in Las Vegas. Las Vegas was chosen because it's a "destination" city and it is in the Western Part of the country. The last time we were this far west, was in San Diego, CA in the mid 1990's. Bob Akard spent 4 days in Las Vegas visiting and negotiating with a number of hotels. As most of you know, Las Vegas has a lock on conventions/reunions and does not give much away. However, because it's an experience and it's out west, the BOD agreed to hold our 31st Convention/Reunion there. Because of the 24 hour attractions going on, we will cancel some of the usual events (band/gifts, etc), in order to keep the costs down. Selecting Las Vegas will greatly reduce traveling distances for lots our members living in California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, etc. Because of the high room rates on

Friday, Saturday and Sunday in all the Hotels in Las Vegas, we have booked the reunion for September 24 – 28, 2007. We got a room rate of \$64.95 plus tax for these four nights. The core days are Monday (early check-in), Tuesday (normal check-in), Wednesday (tours & Golf), Thursday (Business Meeting & Banquet) and Friday (get-away breakfast and hotel check out).

Watch for more specifics in the AACS Communicators in November 2006 and June 2007.

To see more of the hotel, visit:  
[www.circus-circus-lasvegas.com/](http://www.circus-circus-lasvegas.com/)



# 30TH AACCS CONVENTION/REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

## PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5TH

NAME (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST(s) (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Mode of Travel: Air \_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_ RV \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_ Date of Arrival: 9/26 \_\_\_ 9/27 \_\_\_ 9/28 \_\_\_ 9/29 \_\_\_ 9/30 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Important)

Are you staying at the Hotel: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>Date/Departure Time</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>THE REGISTRATION FEE IS A ONE TIME FEE PER-PERSON, REGARDLESS OF WHEN YOU CHECK IN</b>				
CHECK-IN	9/27, 9/28, 9/29 (see schedule)	_____ @	\$85 per-person =	\$ _____
LATE CHARGE PER REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SEPTEMBER 15th.			\$25 =	\$ _____
Hospitality Room will open on Wednesday, 9/27 at NOON>				

**THURSDAY:**

Event 1. Hofbrauhaus dinner                      9/28    5:45pm                      \_\_\_\_\_ @                      \$38 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY:**

Event 2. City Tours Kentucky/Ohio                      9/29    9:15 am                      \_\_\_\_\_ @                      \$26 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event 3. Argosy Casino Visit                      9/29    9:30 am                      \_\_\_\_\_ @                      \$20 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event 4. Riverboat Dinner/Cruise                      9/29    5:30 pm                      \_\_\_\_\_ @                      \$49 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Event 5. Golf (see golf reg form) lunch                      9/29    7:30 am                      \_\_\_\_\_ @                      \$50 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY:**

Event 6, Prayer Luncheon (Chaplain Jim Burch) 9/30 1:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ @                      \$23 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Soup & Salad buffet, Fresh Tuna and Chicken Salad, assorted breads, fruits, juices, coffee, etc.)

Banquet    9/30    6:30 PM SHARP  
 Entree: (Please select for each member/guest who PAID a registration fee)

1. Beef Tenderloin: Medallions of Aged Beef Charbroiled  
and topped with Bernaise Sauce, Caramelized Shallots and sliced Mushrooms: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Stuffed Porkloin: Tender Porkloin stuffed with Apricots and Mushrooms \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ginger Roasted Salmon: Norwegian Salmon Slowly Roasted and Dressed with Soy Butter: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Veggie Plate: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BANQUET ONLY:** For Members/Guests attending the Saturday BANQUET ONLY, who DID NOT PAY a Registration fee.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ @                      \$40 per-person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Select for each attendee: Entree: Beef \_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_ Veggie \_\_\_\_\_  
 (see meal descriptions above)

GRAND TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST REUNION: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to "AACCS Reunion 2006", Mail No Later than September 5, 2006  
 TO: Hank Sauer, 111 Carson Lane, Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
 (Contact Hank at (865) 482-3013 or  
 E-mail: DirAACCS@comcast.net

Completed by Host Only: Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Verified: \_\_\_\_\_ VIP SEATING \_\_\_\_\_

## NAME TAG FORM

HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR NAME(S) TO APPEAR ?

Members Name: (first and Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name: (first and last) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse State of Residence (Spell out) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name : (first and last) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest State of Residence (Spell out) \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty: Tower \_\_\_\_\_ GCA \_\_\_\_\_ Crypto \_\_\_\_\_ Comm Opns \_\_\_\_\_ Radar Maint \_\_\_\_\_ Radio  
Maint \_\_\_\_\_ Crypto Maint \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Opr \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Ham Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Comm Unit \_\_\_\_\_, Command \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Members State of Residence: (spell out) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first reunion ? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bob Akard**

**GCA**

**1946 AACCS Sq - Berlin**

**Tennessee**

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## GOLF REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Golf Digest says, "best bargain for the buck", US Maximum voted it #8 Best Bargain

Name of Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female: \_\_\_\_\_

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Club Rental: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Left Handed \_\_\_\_\_ Right Handed \_\_\_\_\_ (Cost is \$10)

First Tee Time is 9 AM.....Light Lunch is included in Golf Cost on Registration Form (\$50.00).

Boone Links, Florence, KY is a 6,736 yard, 72 par course. Soft spikes are required. No fivesomes are allowed. Format will be Medal Play

Beer may be purchased at the course. Car Pools will be formed at the Hotel and will depart the hotel at 7:15 AM (driving time is approximately 35 minutes)

To Arrange golf twosomes and/or foursomes, Contact Bill Bethea, the General Farman Golf Coordinator at 540-349-4803 or email him at: papabethea@aol.com

Low Net by AACCS Alumni Member will be the General Farman Golf Champion for 2006. Prizes for other scores, closest to the pin, longest drive will be awarded.

Boone Links is an old established course – join us for a great day of golf !!!!!

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for answer!



**PILOT!** - This 1945 photograph made by K.C. Eddy features a group of papersellers showing off the bags stitched for them by long time employee Bessie Cameron Smith with the help of her mother. **Can you guess which BOD this is**



As published in earlier issues of the AACS Newsletter, the 1807th AACS Wing Falcons won the first of many USAFE Basketball titles in the 1950/1951 season.

*Mr. & Mrs. James Sauer*

The 1807th AACS Falcons  
request the honor of your presence  
at their  
Victory Banquet  
to be held at

OLGI Club      2 April 1951  
8 Alexandria    1900 hours

Pictured above, Number 14 is Gillie Rose, Number 10 is our high scorer and guard, Ken Hultquist. On the top of the pile, could be our Director for Membership, Mac Maginnis.

The Invitation to our Victory Banquet was sent to my Father & Mother, Mr. & Mrs. James Sauer. They were unable to make it to Germany, but you can bet we had a "great time".

The Banquet was hosted by BGen (S)  
E. Blair Garland



General and Mrs Raduege finally getting to see their daughter "Ashley" get married. Most of you know, the entire wedding party was stranded in Cancun when Hurricane Wilma hit in 2005.



Currently out of Stock. Looking for a new supplier !!



The Chanute AFB Control Tower - Now



Air Force "then" and "now"

**"Look what I found in the attic !!!"**

**By: Bruce Hiles**

**Bruce found (oops, his wife did) an old photo album of his days on his boat trip overseas and some photos of an old friend from Clark AB. Bruce trained at Keesler and went to Clark in late 1951. He also spent some time at Tinker AFB, OK. Gosh Bruce, your right, these photos are over 55 years old..you are aging my son.....**

**Bruce Hiles on a Pacific Cruise on his way to Clark AB in Late 1951 - He got to spend Christmas in Honolulu.**



**Tom Balk at APC position in Clark AB Tower -1952**



**Tom's widow, Jane is still a Member or the Alumni**

**Bruce Hiles crossing the International Date Line- 1951**



**Tom Balk at Receiver racks- Clark AB Tower - 1951**





**Some**  
**"Shemya, Alaska"**  
**Memories**  
**1952-1953**  
**by Herbert S. Smith**  
**1221 W. Texas St**  
**Denison, TX 75020**



**Back - L-R Heckel, Noran, Engel, Landers**

**Front - L-r Chatari, Newton, Smith, Martin**

**Dogs are: "Bosco" and "Studs"**



This letter was sent to be a claim by John F. Hettel that he and his twin brother David were the only twins assigned to an AACS unit. This a great story, but they are not the only twins who served in an AACS Unit. Luigi and Guido D'Alessio were in the 1st AACS Mobile Comm Sq in 1952. See photo on page 31 of the November 2002 AACS Newsletter.

Dear Hank:

My twin brother and I were inducted in the USAAF in early January 1943. Right away we asked to be assigned together and were granted that request. From Camp Perry, Ohio's 3 degree weather we shipped to Miami Beach where we went through 28 days of basic training while living in a Hotel, eight men to a room, then to Scott Field where we both contracted Scarlet fever. After returning to duty neither of passed the flight physical and were sent to Truax AFB in Madison, WI where went to school around the clock in ROM school. We learned typing, Morse code and direction finder operations. Then to Smyrna, TN, McChord field at Tacoma, WA and where we were issued arctic issue of clothing, sleeping bags, etc. Aleutian Islands here we come !!! Boarding a train out of Tacoma we expected to be taken to a boat but headed to Canada instead. "Overseas" on a train and east to Edmonton, Alberta. We were assigned to the 122nd AACS Squadron. We were then assigned in groups of five to a chain of air fields from Edmonton to Northway, AK as D/F operators. We had to set up our own D/F station in winter weather so we got acquainted with cold weather real quick !! Dave and I spend 10 months in Edmonton, the only real town on the chain, then to Fort Nelson, BC up in the Canadian bush country.

Our mission was to facilitate communications, USAAF communications between Great Falls Montana and Nome, Alaska. We also handled all the air to ground traffic except control tower. We saw thousands of US built war-planes with red stars on them going to Russia. The planes were piloted by Russians from Fairbanks, refueled in Nome and flown across the Bering Straits into Siberia and on to the front to fight German forces.

Dave and I were kept together through all of this and eventually returned to Civilian life. We both took advantage of the GI Bill, and I became a Dentist, now retired a victim of lung cancer, 6 months to a year to go. My twin, Dave got a degree in business and was very successful. I miss him mightily. I believe we were the only brother to serve together in the AACS. I know of only one member of the 122nd AACS Sq who is a member of the AACS Alumni and that is our buddy Will Sallis of Texas.

Sincerely,

John F. Hettel and for David A. Hettel

Sadly, John tells us that Dave passed away in March 2003 along with the many other WWII Veterans we lose every year.

## Shangri-La

You perhaps have heard of a mythical place called Shangri-La - it was in a movie called "Lost Horizon" in 1937. It was a community in the Tibetan Himalayas where people had lived for generations in happiness and peace. I was actually stationed in a place we called Shangri-La with the Army Air Corps during World War II only it was actually Stockholm, Sweden. Yes, Sweden was a neutral country during the war but the ATC (Air Transport Command), AACS and the Weather group were there in civilian clothes (having been outfitted in London along with passports and visas). After VE Day in May 1945 we were allowed to don our uniforms and be publicly visible to the somewhat curious population. We were there, courtesy of the U.S. State Department and the Swedish Government, to facilitate getting the 8th Air Force airmen back to flying duty in England after they had been interned by the Swedes for the duration of the war. A significant number of the aircraft involved in the daylight raids over the Continent were unable to return to their bases with disabled planes and were able to safely make it to Sweden, the first one occurring in July 1943.

After lengthy negotiations between the two countries they finally reached an agreement called "The Sonnie Project" to permit the removal of the airmen using unmarked and weapons-free B-24's to fly into Stockholm from the U.K. This was to be accomplished under the leadership of Colonel Bernt Balchen (Arctic explorer and pilot of Admiral Richard Byrd's historic first flight over the South Pole in 1929 and now flying with the ATC) using a fleet of aircraft shuttling between Scotland and Sweden while trying to avoid the Luftwaffe and flak from German-occupied Norway. In order to maximize the safety and operability of these covert missions it was necessary to install support groups of personnel and equipment at the Stockholm city airport, Bromma Field, including operations, communications and weather functions. My AACS group was officially designated Detachment 427, 131st AACS Squadron, 64th Group, 5th AACS Wing, headquartered in London. Later, after operations had been established on the Continent, we were assigned to the 134th AACS Squadron, 65th Group. Our Detachment handled all ATC communications including the control tower, approach control, radio range, homing beacon, fan markers, ILS instrument landing system and the message center with point-to-point radio and radio teletype to the U.K., Iceland and the Continent, weather intercept and transmissions and the crypto code room. Our message center was officially designated a facility of the State Department American Legation for purposes of security of operation.

The Shangri-La aspect of this assignment involved the fact that we lived and worked as civilians - housed in two four-story apartment buildings with quarters consisting of individual apartments with living room, 2 bedrooms, dining area, kitchen and bath all with the help of daily maid and laundry service provided. Lunches were prepared for us and dinners we ate in local restaurants. In our off-duty time the lovely city of Stockholm, often called the Venice of the North with all its lakes and water-ways, was readily available for movie theaters, symphony concerts, opera, dancing, swimming, sailing, tennis, skating and skiing. Not to forget the lovely blonde, blue-eyed "flickas" (girls) in the land of Ingrid Bergman (born in Stockholm before moving to Hollywood to make her first American film "Intermezzo." In fact I did usher at the gala wedding of my apartment roommate, Capt. Warren Leland, who married a Swedish girl as covered in the city's society sections, during my tour of duty which lasted 8 months.

Our mission was a resounding success as attested to by the fact that Col. Balchen's operation flew not only the airmen out of the country but a total of 4399 individuals including political and military Allied refugees who had escaped to Sweden ahead of the advancing Germans during the war.

Harry M. Winn, Wilmington, DE  
Past Detachment Commander  
Northern Ireland and Sweden



**Bill Vanderheyden finished Tower School in Nov 1952. Some of the class were: Dan Williams, Earl Rasmussen, H. Williams Joseph Mulcahy, Harden Van Deursen, James Key, Harvey Richardson, and V. Rosenberg. (can't put names with faces)**



**Bill at  
Elmendorf in  
1955**



**Bill at Keesler - 1952  
Bill  
Welcome to the AACS Alumni  
Association**



## Some of Louis Robinette's Memories of Years Past

U.S. AIR FORCE — AEROSPACE POWER FOR PEACE



THE THULE TIMES

NORTHERN MOST NEWSPAPER  
IN THE WORLD

VOL. 3 NO. 3 THULE AIR BASE, GREENLAND APRIL 3, 1959

### Air Rescue Sq Evacuates Stricken Man From Isachen

Fast action by the 5th Air Rescue Squadron and 1983rd AACS brought critically ill Stanley Laurent, a Canadian National, to the Thule Hospital from Isachen Royal Air Station, a weather post in Northern Canada.

Sgt Louis Robinette, a radio operator for the AACS Sq intercepted a distress message at approximately 3 am, Monday, March 31, and immediately phoned Captain William Hilburn, the Medic on duty.

Upon arrival of Doctor Hilburn, a radio consultation was held and he diagnosed the illness as a critical heart condition.

Capt T.M. Clindenin, Base Flight Surgeon, was summoned and he communicated with Isachen and described proper care of the patient.

At noon Monday, an SA-16, commanded by Capt R.E. Evans, landed near the island and the stricken man was flown back to the Thule Hospital.

"The patient's condition is satisfactory, and his outlook is guarded," Doctor Clindenin stated.

### One of Louis Robinette's Sunshine Tours

**To Keep warm Louis became the instructor for the Base Judo Team and took the team to the SAC Tournament in Florida. See article on the Base Judo Team on this page.**



Fletcher Ice Island Buildings Sitting on Nine Feet of Ice

During the past two years buildings on Fletcher's Ice Island has lost nine feet in height due to the melting season and Ed it Deane Bender, ISD planning engineer, will leave shortly to supervise the relocation of T-3's buildings.

Island personnel have been spreading parades over the ice to reflect the sun's rays during the thaw period.

This was done to keep the building formations solid, but they are now sitting on high accretions which reach up in some places to nine feet.

It Bender indicated that the move would have to be completed within the time between now and May 15.

It Bender indicated that the move should be in operation within the next two weeks in order to beat the May 15 thaw season.


### Base Judo Team Returns; Classes Resume In Gym

Since the return of the judo team from the SAC Tournament, which was held at MacDill AFB, Florida, the judo team has been working out on the mats which are located in the south end of the gymnasium.

Louis Robinette, the instructor of the judo team, has invited all personnel here on the base, regardless of organization, to attend these practices.

The workouts, which are held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 to 8:30 pm, are held for instruction in the basic art of judo.

"These classes are to acquaint the base personnel with judo, and to develop a base-wide interest in judo," explained Robinette. The judo team is also receiving applications from anyone who would like to take these instructions in the afternoon. Anyone who wishes to do so, may do so by leaving their name at the gym office.



Two judoists demonstrate Hanegoshi hip throw.

# As Telecom Reels From Storm Damage, Ham Radios Hum

By CHRISTOPHER BROADS

**1** IN A SHELTER here, 300 miles north of New Orleans, Theo McDaniel took his plight to a young man fiddling with a clunky, outdated-looking radio.

Mr. McDaniel, a 25-year-old barber, had evacuated New Orleans with his wife and two small children more than a week ago and since then had had no contact with his brother or his aunt. The last he heard, his 42-year-old aunt was clinging to her roof.

"We've got to get a message down there to help them," he said. The man at the radio sent the information to the emergency-operations center across town, which relayed it to rescue units in New Orleans. Later in the weekend, Mr. McDaniel learned that food and water were on the way to his trapped brother and his brother's young family. He had heard nothing about his aunt.

With Hurricane Katrina having knocked out nearly all the high-end emergency communications gear, 911 centers, cellphone towers and normal fixed phone lines in its path, ham-radio operators have begun to fill the information vacuum. "Right now, 98.9% of normal communications in the affected region is nonexistent," says David Gore, the man operating the ham radio in the Monroe shelter. "That's where we come in."

In an age of high-tech, real-time gadgetry, it's the decidedly unsexy ham radio—whose technology has changed little since World War II—that is in high demand in ravaged New Orleans and environs. The Red Cross issued a request for about 500 amateur radio operators—known as "hams"—for the 250 shelters it is erecting in the area. The American Radio Relay League, a national association of ham-radio operators, has been deluged with requests to find people in the region. The U.S. Coast Guard is looking for hams to help with its relief efforts.

Ham radios, battery operated, work well when others don't in part because they are simple. Each operator acts as his own base station, requiring only his radio and about 50 feet of fence wire to transmit messages thousands of miles. Ham radios can send

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# From the Wall Street Journal Submitted by Harry Povlotsky

THE WALL  
TECH

## Ham Radios Hum With Storm News

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messages on multiple channels and in myriad ways, including Morse code, microwave frequencies and even email.

Then there are the ham-radio operators themselves, a band of radio enthusiasts who spend hours jabbering with each other even during normal times. They are often the first to get messages in and out of disaster areas, in part because they are everywhere. (The ARRL estimates there are 250,000 licensed hams in the U.S.) Sometimes they are the only source of information in the first hours following a disaster. "No matter how good the homeland-security system is, it will be over-

**5** whelmed," says Thomas Leggett, a retired mill worker manning a ham radio in the operations center here. "You don't hear about us, but we are there."  
Slidell, a town 30 miles northeast of New Orleans, was directly hit by the hurricane and remains virtually cut off from the outside world. One of the few, if not the only, communications links is Michael King, a retired Navy captain, operating a ham radio out of a Slidell hospital.  
"How are you holding up, Mike?" asked Sharen Riviere into a ham-radio microphone at Monroe's operations center. She and her husband, Ron, who is the president of the Slidell ham-radio club, had

**6** by hand, we will get you the message."  
Mr. Gore, who is in charge of the northeastern district of Louisiana for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, has spent a lot of time the past week at the Monroe shelter, helping evacuees try to track missing friends and relatives.  
Last Monday, Dunita Alexander of Violet, La., came to a ham operator in the Monroe shelter asking about her 96-year-old grandfather, Willie Bright, who had been in a nursing home in New Orleans. The next day, she got word back from a ham operator that he had been safely transferred to a shelter near New Orleans. "We can't do enough of these," says Mark Ketchell, who runs the ARES branch in Monroe. Nevertheless, the ham-radio community feels under threat. Telecom companies want to deliver broadband Internet

connections over power lines, which ham-radio operators say distorts communications in the surrounding area. Since hams are "amateurs," there is little lobbying money to fight such changes, they add.

The hams also get little respect from telecommunications-equipment companies, such as Motorola Inc. "Something is better than nothing, that's right," says Jim Screeden, who runs all of Motorola's repair teams in the field for its emergency-response business. "But ham radios are pretty close to nothing." Mr. Screeden says ham radios can take a long time to relay messages and work essentially as "party lines," with multiple parties talking at once. Says Mr. Leggett at the Monroe operations center: "We are the unwanted stepchild. But when the s— hits the fan, who are you going to call?"

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## Harry says "despite the Comm Revolution, Ancient Methods save the day"

Have you Hugged a VET today?



760 RADIO OPERATOR - VOICE

**Dear Mac:**

**I do enjoy receiving "The AACS Communicator" which brings back memories of my Army days. Don't know if the pictures (below) are clear enough to reproduce, but would enjoy hearing from anyone involved with either of them (DF station & Radio station WYZS). I will be 85 in March, so I know there are not many of us left. We set up a DF station at a Navy base, Camp Kearney, near San Diego. It was one of the first that was able to track aircraft in flight. No radar then. One memorable night we were tracking a plane from San Francisco to Honolulu and they were circling over a burning Liberty ship, with a Jap sub surfaced near by.**

**No, we didn't live in grass huts, but there were a number of them in the area near our base at David, Panama. The Radio receivers in the picture did not include the transmitters which were located in another building some distance from the station, and much larger than the receivers. My, what a change we have seen. Today all this would be in a small package.**

**Sincerely, Paul Handkins  
11096 S. State Rd. 14Rago, KS 67142**



**NEW MEMBERS REPORT SINCE THE NOVEMBER 2005 AACCS COMMUNICATOR**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M	I	NAME	SPOUSES	HAM/CALL & EMAIL	UNIT & COMMAND	Dates IN AF	STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
ANDERSON	07-DONALD	M		SANDRA		don.m.anderson@cox.net	2029CS 2004-10DET AFCS	09-75	2012 HAMILTON CROSSING DRIVE	CONTOMMENT	FL	32533-5812
ANTEAU	07-DANIEL	L		KATHY		antea@comcast.net	2027CS AFCS	09-73	515 AVENUE DE LAFAYETTE	MONROE	MI	48162-3587
AUSTIN	07-DANIEL	E		LINDA		linda@juno.com	AACS	02-06	24207 139TH AVE SE	KENT	WA	98042-5188
AUVIL	ROBERT	E		JOANN		rauville@icohouse.net	1293DET 1907CS AACCS AFCS	07-80	1029 E. 30TH AVE	SPOKANE	WA	99203
BARNETT	07-LEROY	E		PATRICIA		lbarn1336@aol.com	1983CS 2021CS AACCS	04-08	804 E. 11TH AVE	NEW SMYRNA BEACH	FL	32169
BENNER	07-NOEL	H		KAREN		bennernoel@charter.net	1839CS 1889CS AFCC AFCA	00-03	600 N. 5TH ST	MASSCOUTAH	IL	62258
BERSBACH	06-JAMES	M		SALLY			AACS	03-06	6100 WESTCHESTER PK DR #917	COLLEGE PARK	MD	20740-2847
CAMP	LM-JAMES	R		CYNTHIA		jcamp@coast2100.com	121 ARW TACC, AMC	90-	3980 SATURN RD	HILLIARD	OH	43026
CECIL	07-BILL			PHYLLIS		boascl@midsouthrr.com	1953CS AACCS	03-07	1729 OAKHILL	GERMANTOWN	TN	38138-2508
CHANEY	07-CALVIN	D		ANN		edchaney@cox.net	AACS AFCS	04-74	797 EVANS ROAD	MCKINLEYVILLE	CA	95519-0720
CORBIN	LM-HAROLD	E		GRACE		h.a.corbin@att.net	159CS AACCS	02-06	1823 WEST 9TH STREET	ANDERSON	IN	46016-2706
CORCORAN	07-JAMES	A		JOSETTE		jacorcoran@yahoo.com	6927 SECURITY SQ	03-07	1122 HILLIARD DRIVE	CINCINNATI	OH	45238
CROGHAN	07-WILLIAM	T		SANDRA		afblue@nctv.com	1281CS 2181CS AFCS	00-04	1493 RIOUOJIS DRIVE	SENECA	SC	29672
DUNN	LM-DAVID	S		JEAN		aldunnd@yahooc.com	AFCC AFCS	02-07	21211 POWERS ST SW	MC COOLE	MD	21662-3034
EARLS	LM-TOMMY	L		JEAN		efearls@aol.com	AACS AFCS AFCC	06-78	132 TIMBERLAKE DRIVE	AZLE	TX	76020
EUBANK	08-MRS GRAYDON	K		RUTH		caefra@aol.com	3CS 8905CS AACCS USAFSS	02-73	4955 VIEW DRIVE	SAN ANTONIO	TX	78228
FRAZIER	07-JOE	P		FRANCES			1944CS 1972CS AACCS	00-04	503 GIRARD AVENUE	DOTHAN	AL	36303
GAUDO	LM-WILLIAM	J		THELISA			1993CS AACCS	00-04	216 LAWSON ST	N. SYRACUSE	NY	13212
GALLIGAN	07-THOMAS	M		KIYO		lgalligan@scottgroup.com	2032CS 4835CS AFCS AFCC	01-01	7094 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BV	NORCROSS	GA	30071
GETCHELL	07-DARRELL	G		QIYO		d_getchell@cox.net	47CS	01-01	408 W. CURTIS DRIVE	MIDWEST CITY	OK	73110-3006
GOESSMAN	07-ROBERT	C		CAROLE		bobgo@att.net	139CS 4WX AACCS	01-04	3875 OSBORNE DRIVE	WARRENTON	VA	20187
GREENBERG	07-WALTER	J		MARY		zencarrol@dstextreme.com	1944CS 1807WC AACCS	03-06	42035 VILLAGE 42	CAMARILLO	CA	93912
HANNA	LM-ROBERT	J		MARY		rhanna327@aol.com	51CS 81CS 2130CS AFCS AFCC	01-05	2465 GARFIELD STREET	CARLSBAD	CA	92008-2214
HUNTER	LM-MICHAEL	E		LARRY		KF8FJH	AACS	06-02	913 DANVILLE CIRCLE	KNOXVILLE	TN	37923
JONES	07-DEBBIE FLEMING			ANN		michaehunter5217@earthlink.net lindarm@ak.net			3873 S. COUNTY RD 67	MIDLAND CITY	AL	36550
KOEBER	07-LAWRENCE	N		ANN		koerber@socket.net	1916CS 2040CS AACCS AFCS AFCC	05-85	528 KYLE ST	ST. JAMES	MO	65559-1526
LAMOTTE	LM-ARNOLD	R		IRENE		arlammotte@austin.tx.com	1913CG 1929CS AFCS AFCC	01-82	103 STILL MEADOW DR	DALE	TX	79616
LARSON	07-CARL	J		MARJORIE		ql09@comcast.net	6981, 6937 USAFSS	02-06	315 NE SUNDERLAND CT	LEES SUMMIT	MO	64064
LOLL	LM-ROBERT	E		ELIZABETH MARY		WASUPX_rholl@midco.com	1919-20DET AACCS	08-02	20275 LYONS BALD MT RD	SONORA	CA	95370
LORD	07-MGEN BILL			CYNTHIA		danzonus@cablone.net	2161CS DET1 2189CS AFCS AFCC	77-	1505 CRYSTAL DRIVE	ARLINGTON	VA	22202
LUTTON	07-SAMUEL	J		NADA K.		slutton@aol.com	1918CS 1246CS AACCS	05-02	15 TOWNE HALL ESTATES DR.	BELLEVILLE	IL	62223
MALUDA	LM-MGEN JOHN W	KITTY				john.maluda@langley.af.mil	2187CG 2160CS 55CG	78-	139 BENEDICT AVE	LANGLEY AFB	VA	23065
MAYSTER	07-HAROLD			MARY		KGMCOY_hmayster@att.net	1385CG 87CG AACCS	02-05	5920 ALEXANDRIA SKY # 903	FORT WORTH	TX	76119
MC UMBER	07-WARREN	M		MARY		mcomcumber@knology.net	AACS AFCS	01-71	6637 LUXEMBOURG CIRCLE	MONTGOMERY	AL	36117
MILES	LM-WILLIAM	L		MARCINE		stogado@sprynet.com	1MOB 4MOB AFCS AFCC		3718 EDGEWOOD DRIVE	VANCOUVER	WA	98661
MILLER	07-ELVIN	B		JUNE		emiller@msa.net	1237CS 1239CS AACCS	06-80	PO BOX 366	TOPPING	VA	23169
MILLER	07-CHARLES	W		NANCY		charlesmiller@gmail.com	AFCS	06-70	3321 W. LISA LANE	PEORIA	IL	61615
MORGAN	07-CHARLES	F		PATSY		morgantpmg@aol.com	AACS AFCS	01-72	9418 NORTH ST PO BOX 192	LARUE	OH	43332



MULFORD	06-GERALD	P	FLORENCE	whatsaname@aol.com	AACS	45-47	9734 MATZON RD	BALTIMORE	MD	21220
NIEVES	LM-NIFTALI		KATHLEEN	WA2UHT knieves@optonline.net	1911CS 1930-2 DET AACS AFCS	52-74	228 HOLLAND AVE	MEDFORD	NY	1176303130
PATCHEN	LM-RAYMOND	J	CONSTANCE	patchen33@adelphia.net	1973CS AACS	52-56	33 KENDALL POND RD	LONDONDERRY	NH	03063-3751
ROMNEY	07-RICHARD	Q	LUDEAN	rgromney@infowest.com	AACS	48-52	2391 E. 240 S	ST GEORGE	UT	84790
SCHERER	07-DAVID	J	KAREN	dschearer@enter.net	1995CS 2048CS AFCS	81-85	210 REICHART AVE	READING	PA	19605-2950
SELLERS	07-RONALD	E	LINDA	ron_sellers@adelphia.net	1996CS 1879CG AFCS AFCC	68-91	1885 MORAN COURT	COLORADO SPRINGS	CO	80915
SIEGISMUND	07-CHARLES	R	RAMONA	sparkyarky@comcast.net	1872CS 2025CS AACS AFCS	50-71	1400 FOXWOOD DRIVE	JACKSONVILLE	AR	72078
SOUTHERN	LM-EDWARD	M		esouf70266@aol.com	1918CS 2017CS	51-55	1 CLYDESDALE CIRCLE	NASHUA	NH	03082
SPAGNOLA	07-TONY	P		N2GTY comstleg@aol.com	2017CS 1893CS AFCS	68-72	822 LILY LANE	EWING	NJ	08638
STEWART	LM-BOBBIE	R	SYLVIA	riya5283@yahoo.com	1921-7DET, 2012CS AACS AFCS AFCC	52-63	1004 ACAPULCO LANE	ARLINGTON	TX	76017-1731
STITCH	07-WRAY	M		stmd@aol.com	1946CS AACS	45-49	1901 SOMERSET CT	LOMPOC	CA	93436-7138
TAYLOR	LM-THOMAS	F	CONNIE K	carlos.rajase@ac4s.com	1335Q 763AAFBU AACS	44-46	2970 WILLIAMS DRIVE # 141	GEORGETOWN	TX	78628
TELJAS	07-CARLOS	R	CLARIBEL	KCSPAV webtoon@ntelistsys.net	3RD 5TH 6TH CS AFCC AFCA	79-90	22852 FERN COURT	LAND O LAKES	FL	34639
TOWN	07-EUGENE	A	FRANCES	zcap@usa.net	1973CS 1906-3CS AACS AFCS	20	3111 PARTRIDGE PLACE	ALTUS	OK	73521
UTTS	07-THOMAS	C	SUZIE	wilberj@bellsouth.net	AFCS AFCC	63-81	415 D STREET APT #1	CHULA VISTA	CA	91910-1524
WILLNER	07-BENTON	"JACK"		young1117@cox.net	AACS	43-46	112-B CEDAR ST	ST. AUGUSTINE	FL	32084
YOUNG	07-ROBERT	L	JAN	KN99MMN 2536242@aol.com	2046CS AACS	57-61	50 WAGONWHEEL LANE	WOONSOCKET	RI	02866
ZERWAS	07-MELVIN	L			1230CS AACS	55-59	7100 ULMERTON RD # 380	LARGO	FL	33771-5107

# AAACS



**"The Croughton Country Club"  
(an early version)**

**Anyone who has been to an AACCS Convention/Reunion in the past 5 or 6 years knows that the "Croughton Sheep Herders" bring lots of our members who were stationed at Croughton over the years to our annual gathering. If you have listened close, they all talk about the "Country Club" and what a great assignment it was. Below are some photos taken by Eric Lind (now deceased) of the early days when the "club" was being designed for long term occupancy. Photos were submitted by the Head "Sheep Herder", Ray Sharpless.**



**(1952) Barracks**

**RAF Station Croughton  
"The Early Days"**



**(1952) Base Theatre**

**Wonder how much they  
Charged ??**

## Croughton "Sheep Herders" with a "Monkey"

**Doug Eastley, one of our Croughton "Sheep Herders" shown below with a Monkey called "Mr. Muggs" who was commonly called their "Crypto Man", in Gardermoen, Norway. A young Doug Eastley is shown by the front gate to the Croughton site. The well dressed "Croughton" group is shown by Frogner Park, Oslo, Norway in 1956. Standing, L-R Berry (?), E. Ouellette, W. Calis.**

**Front Row: L-R Doug Eastley and E. Ernst. The three handsome airman in blues are L-R R. Sartori, H. Aldredge and Doug Eastley, who just arrived in Bremerhaven, Germany in 1954 and went on to Croughton, England. You have to admit that duty at the "sheep farm" was hard duty with no time to play with animals or to take jaunts in the Park.**



**What would the Sheep think about this back at the farm !!!!**





**Wendell & Lana Houck  
"Our AACCS Country Folk"**



Photo 40100 delivery and cost for 100-47 Model

ШТАБ  
ФРАНКФУРТ ВОЕННЫЕ ГАРНИЗОН

ВОЕННАЯ ПОЧТА № 757

27 May 48

/ Число /

КАСАЕТСЯ: Приказ на Поездку в Берлин, Германии.

АДРЕСАТ : Mr. Eastley Douglas, ACO Card No. A-447160

1. Вышеуказанное Лицо American  
национальности, у помощено отправиться в Берлин, Германии  
около 31 May 48

2. По прибытии в Берлин вышеуказанное лицо должно  
являться в Бюро Посетителей при Военном Правительстве США  
в Германии.

3. Поездка разрешена согласно Циркуляру № 28,  
Главного Штаба Военных Сил США в Европе 1947 года.

ПО КОМАНДУ БРИГАДИЕР ГЕНЕРАЛА ДУСС

M. L. CLIFTON  
CWO USA

Assistant Adjutant

**Doug Eastley, a member of the "Sheep Herders"  
RAF Station Croughton, England, was the "Bat Boy"  
on the Army's European Command baseball team.  
This is a copy of his Russian Orders to travel to  
Berlin in May 1948.**

**\*\*\*\*\*URGENT REQUEST TO ALL MEMBERS\*\*\*\*\***

If you are an "OLD" member of the Association and have not completed this form or the information on the Membership Roster is not complete, PLEASE

Fill out this FORM and Cut out and mail to Mac Maginnis at 6032 S. Bell, Tacoma, WA 98408, or call TOLL FREE 1-866-299-1045, or email c.Maginnis@comcast.net.

IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, VISIT THE AACS WEB SITE (WWW.AACSalumni.com)  
AND SUBMIT THE INFORMATION ON LINE

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ham Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit(s) and Command(s) for the membership roster:

\_\_\_\_\_ (please limit to 2 units and 3 command's)

Dates Served in the AF: \_\_\_\_\_ (44-46. 48-75. 50-54. etc) ERA(s) Served \_\_\_\_\_ (WWII, Korea, etc)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Nbr: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Status: \_\_\_\_\_ (Officer, Warrant Officer, Enlisted, Civilian, Tech Rep, etc)

How were you recruited: Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_, Magazine: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Combat Area(s) or Base: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Comm/ATC Units: \_\_\_\_\_

What did you do in the AF: \_\_\_\_\_ (Tower, GCA, Teletype, Crypto, Radio, Maintenance, Admin, etc)

**IF YOU ARE A SNOW BIRD PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

St. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates When residing at Snow Bird address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Snow Bird Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Snow Bird Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date or Year Joined the AACS Alumni: \_\_\_\_\_ I Served on Board of Directors as:

\_\_\_\_\_ Served on Alumni Committee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

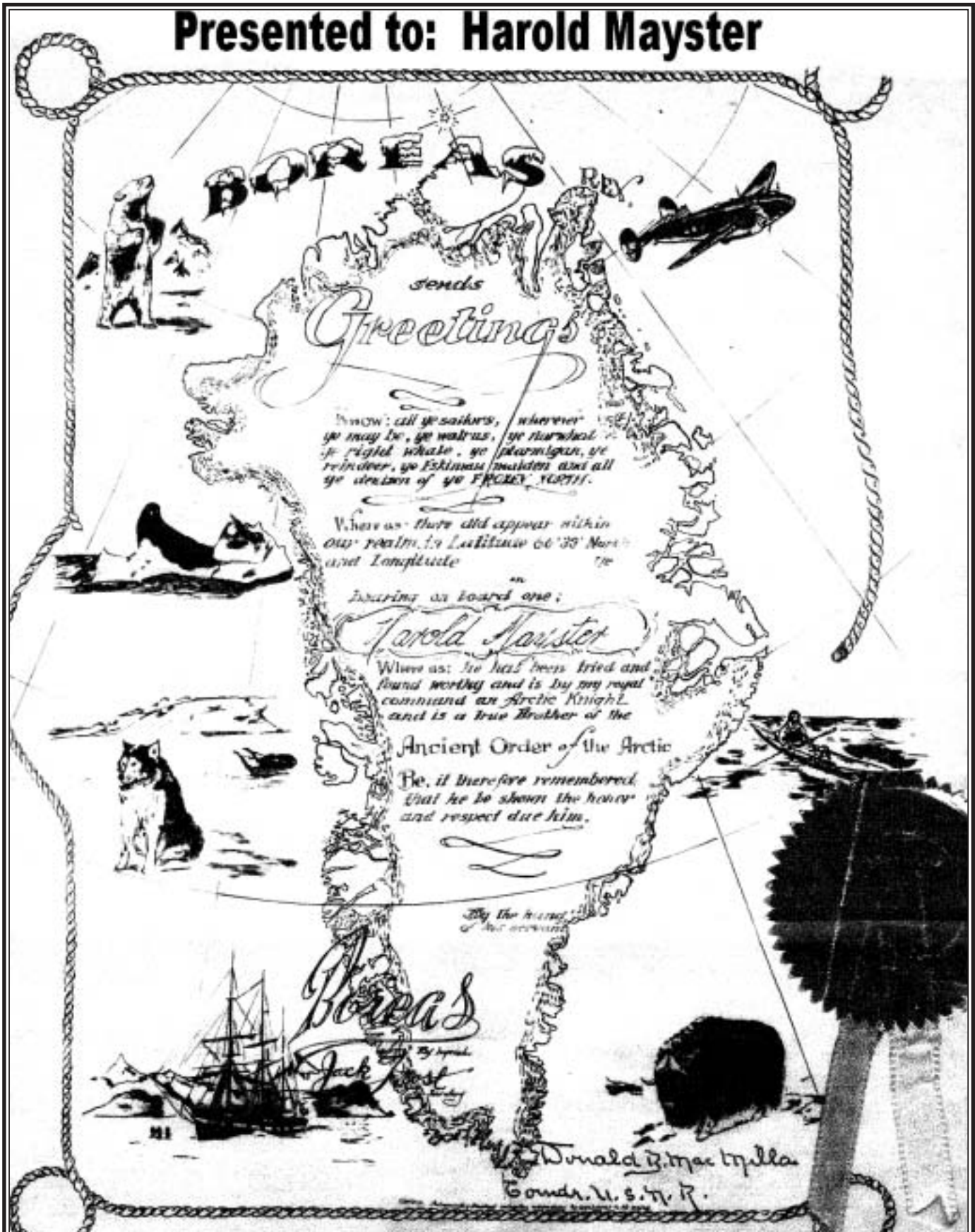
Was a Host or Co Host of a Reunion: At: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Life Member Number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*WE NEED TO MAINTAIN COMPLETE INFORMATION ON EVERY MEMBER\*\*\***

# Presented to: Harold Mayster



# Army of the United States



## SEPARATION QUALIFICATION RECORD

SAVE THIS FORM. IT WILL NOT BE REPLACED IF LOST

This record of job assignments and special training received in the Army is furnished to the soldier when he leaves the service. In its preparation, information is taken from available Army records and supplemented by personal interview. The information about civilian education and work experience is based on the individual's own statements. The veteran may present this document to former employers, prospective employers, representatives of schools or colleges, or use it in any other way that may prove beneficial to him.

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL			MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS		
<b>MAYSTER, HAROLD</b>			10. MONTHS	11. GRADE	12. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY
2. ARMY SERIAL No.	3. GRADE	4. SOCIAL SECURITY No.	2	Pvt.	Basic Training (521)
16 140 760	S/Sgt.				
5. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, County, State)			35	S/Sgt.	Radio Operator (756)
3204 Carmen Ave., Chicago, Illinois					
6. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE	7. DATE OF SEPARATION	8. DATE OF BIRTH			
27 Nov 1942	17 Dec 1945	29 Nov 1922			
9. PLACE OF SEPARATION					
Patterson Field, Ohio					

### SUMMARY OF MILITARY OCCUPATIONS

3. TITLE—DESCRIPTION—RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

**RADIO OPERATOR-MECHANIC-GUNNER AAF 756 & 760**

Operates either ground or airborne radio equipment in connection with the communication section of an Air Force Organization, or a radio net, and inspects and performs minor maintenance on non-secret radio equipment used by the Army Air Forces. Transmits and receives code at the rate of 12 to 20 net words a minute operating conditions. Operates ground-to-air, air-to-ground and point-to-point. Fires guns (aerial) if combat occurs during flight. Performs periodic inspections of ground and airborne radio equipment, cleaning, testing, adjusting and making unit replacements to transmitters, receivers and their power units and accessories.

Very high frequency direction finding, operation and maintenance, (769)

High frequency direction finding operator and W. W. Operator (760-D)



## STILL LOOKING FOR CONVENTION/REUNION HOSTS

As many of you know, hosting a reunion can sometimes be a “thankless” but always a “rewarding” job. The Alumni Association has published a Convention/Reunion Guide to spell out the roles of the Host, The Executive Director and the Board of Directors. To minimize the workload and worry on a potential host, the AACS Convention/Reunion Committee will negotiate and put in place the Hotel Contract. We have developed a model contract to ensure that we obtain the best possible deals we can. The Host will participate in the negotiations so he/she will understand what the hotel has agreed to and the costs associated with the contract. In addition, there is a Hospitality Committee that will provide the Host with the items to be purchased and will arrive early to set up the hospitality room thereby relieving the Host from this chore. In addition, we have purchased a lap top computer, a printer and a copier to assist the Host in managing the reunion. A Microsoft Access Database was developed to support the 2003 Convention/Reunion in Fairfax, Virginia and has been updated and used at the 2004 and 2005 Conventions/Reunions at Scottsdale, AZ and Overland Park, KS. We are currently modifying the Convention/Reunion Database to make it easier for the Hosts to use from one year to the year, with as little or no modifications as necessary. The Database will provide over 25 reports the Host will need to track registrations fee, tours, golf, meal choices, etc and also provide them with the information needed to complete the final convention/reunion financial report.

The November 2005 issue of the AACS Communicator (page 70) contained a proposal format for potential Hosts and for some of the things that must be considered in selecting a hotel and location to hold our annual conventions/reunion.

We are still looking for a few “good men or women” to step up to the plate and begin the process with the Convention/Reunion Committee to determine if your proposed site/hotel meets our requirements. Hope to hear from lots of you.

Hank Sauer  
Executive Director  
Chair of the Convention/Reunion Committee.

### **The PX/BX SUPPLY CLERK**

**Will be out of town from July 22 to August 22, this year. Therefore, PX/BX orders will be delayed until our Supply Clerk returns.**

### **ORDER EARLY**

**There will be PX/BX supplies at the 2006 Convention/Reunion in Covington, Kentucky, September 28-October 1, 2006**

**AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**MAIL TO: Mr. C.B. Maginnis, 6032 S. Bell, Tacoma, WA 98408**

**Types of Membership**

Life & Regular Membership is based on service (men and women) as a commissioned officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer, enlisted or civilian, who has served or is serving in any communications/information or air traffic control unit or holds or held a MOS, AFSC or other skill identifier as a communicator/information, air traffic controller or support skill in any Air Force Major Air Command (AACS, ACS, AFCS, AFCC, AFC4A, AFCA, AFFSA, SAC, TAC, ADC, USAFSS MAC, etc., or the current commands) Spouses of a surviving member are also eligible for Regular membership. The Life Membership of a deceased member will transfer to the surviving spouse unless he/she requests otherwise. Associate Membership is subject to the approval of the Alumni Associations Executive Board for individuals who actively supported any communications/information or air traffic control activity, but otherwise does not meet the criteria for Life or Regular Membership. Associate Members are not eligible to vote or to hold office in the Association, but are treated like all other members.

**Regular and Associate Membership dues are \$10.00 per-year, payable in two-year increments.**

**Life Memberships are based on age:**

To – 50 years of age = \$165

51 – 60 years of age = \$145

61 – 70 years of age = \$115

71 --? Years if age = \$75

Life Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of \$ enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(check one category of membership and make check out to AACS Alumni Association)

**PRINT CLEARLY**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSES FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HAM SIGN \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT(s) AND COMMAND(s) (For the Membership Roster – limited to approximately 2 units and 3 abbreviated commands) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*DATES SERVED IN AF: \_\_\_\_\_ (44-46, 48-75, 50-54 etc)

ERA's Served: \_\_\_\_\_ (WWII, Korea, RVN, Gulf, etc)

St.Address; \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Status: Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Warrant \_\_\_\_\_ Enlisted \_\_\_\_\_ Civilian \_\_\_\_\_ Tech Rep \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How were you recruited: Members Name \_\_\_\_\_, Web Site \_\_\_\_\_,

Magazine \_\_\_\_\_ (provide name), Combat area or Base: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Comm/ATC units \_\_\_\_\_

What did you do in the AF: \_\_\_\_\_ e.g. Tower, GCA, Crypto, Radio Maint, Personnel, etc)

NOTE: AACS covers 1938-1961, AFCS covers 1961-1979, AFCC covers 1979-1993, AFC4A. AFCA and/or AFFSA covers 1993 to present. List other commands as appropriate.

If you have any questions contact Mac Maginnis at TOLL FREE 1-866-299-1045

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION**

If you are a "SNOWBIRD" PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

Second St. Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Second Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ If different email address; \_\_\_\_\_

Dates this second address will be used: From \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_

(Remember the AACS Communicator is mailed around 1 May and 1 Nov each year)

**AACS Alumni Association**  
**PX/BX Order & Contribution Form**  
**ALL PX/BX SALES ARE ON A BREAK EVEN BASIS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Nbr: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
_____	AACS Logo Patch @ 5.00 (this patch has AACS, AFCS & AFCC embroidered on it)	\$ _____
_____	NEW "Old" Blue Original AACS Patch @ 8.00.	_____
_____	Deluxe Embroidered Clip-on Patch @ \$12.50	_____
_____	Metal AACS Lapel Pin @ \$4.50 (if in stock)	_____
_____	Deluxe Embroidered Logo Hat @ \$13.00 (Blue Only)	_____
_____	AACS Embroidered Logo Golf Shirts @ \$26.00	_____
	Blue: _____ Sizes: S___M___L___XL___XXL_____	
	White: _____ Sizes: S___M___L___XL___XXL_____	
_____	NEW - AACS Embroidered WIND SHIRT (blue with gold trim) @ \$23.00	_____
	Sizes M_____L_____XL_____	
_____	AACS Embroidered Logo Blue Windbreaker @ \$ 28.00	_____
	Size: S___M___XXL___(L and XL Not Available)	
	Left in stock: (12)     (15)     (2) Windbreakers being phased out.	
NOTE:	Golf Shirt and Windbreaker sizes are US sized (XXL are really big)	
	DONATIONS (Tax deductible within the limits of the law):	
	AACS GENERAL FUND	_____
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

"POSTAGE AND HANDLING ARE INCLUDED IN ALL PRICES"

Until a new PX Supply Clerk is appointed, MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC." AND MAIL TO:

Ray Sharpless, 113 Airway Lane, Belton MO 64012, 816-331-7174, rayshrplss@kc.rr.com  
 Phone # 231-334-4442, FAX # 231-334-4440

**++++PX ORDERS GO TO RAY SHARPLESS++++**  
**++++CONTRIBUTIONS GO TO RAY SHARPLESS++++**  
**+++++DUES AND ADDRESS CHANGES GO TO MAC MAGINNIS+++++**

SEE INSIDE FRONT COVER FOR MAILING ADDRESSES  
 SEE PHOTOS OF WIND SHIRT, HAT, DELUXE PATCH AND GOLF SHIRTS ON PAGE 40  
 +++++NOTE: SUPPLY CLERK ON LEAVE -NO SALES- BETWEEN JULY 20 & AUGUST 23, 2006++++

**Some Memories from Al Campeas and his days  
with the 136th AACCS Sq, Goose Bay Labrador - 1944  
(some names have escaped Al over the years)**

Al Campeas



Al Campeas



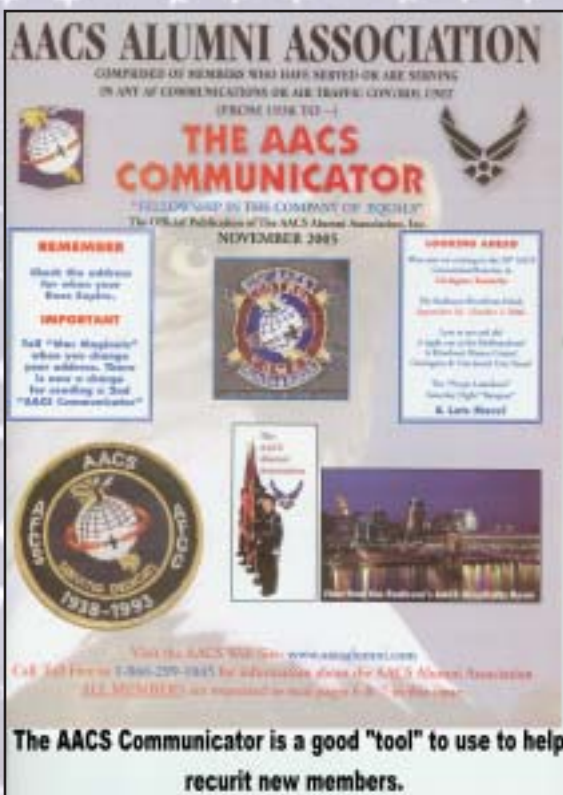
**Photos taken in  
1943 & 1944**

**Do you need any help in recruiting new members ?**

**Extra copies of the AACCS Communicator and our AACCS Alumni Association tri-fold Brochure are available to members to help recruit new members.**

**If you belong to other associations like the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, you may be able to post our tri-fold Brochure on Bulletin Boards and if you know anyone who has served in a Communications or Air Traffic Control unit, but is not a member, then you may want to give them a copy of the AACCS Communicator.**

**Contact Mac Maginnis at Toll Free 1-866-299-1045 or email him at [c.Maginnis@comcast.net](mailto:c.Maginnis@comcast.net)**



**AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
COMPOSED OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED OR ARE SERVING  
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(FROM 1938 TO -)  
**THE AACCS COMMUNICATOR**  
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NOVEMBER 2005

**REMEMBER**  
About the address for where your Best English.

**IMPORTANT**  
Call "Mac Maginnis" when you change your address. There is now a change in reading in 3rd "AACCS Communicator"

**UPON THE AIR**  
Read on page 12 of the "AACCS Communicator" in "The Eagle's Wings" by "Mac Maginnis" and "The Eagle's Wings" by "Mac Maginnis"

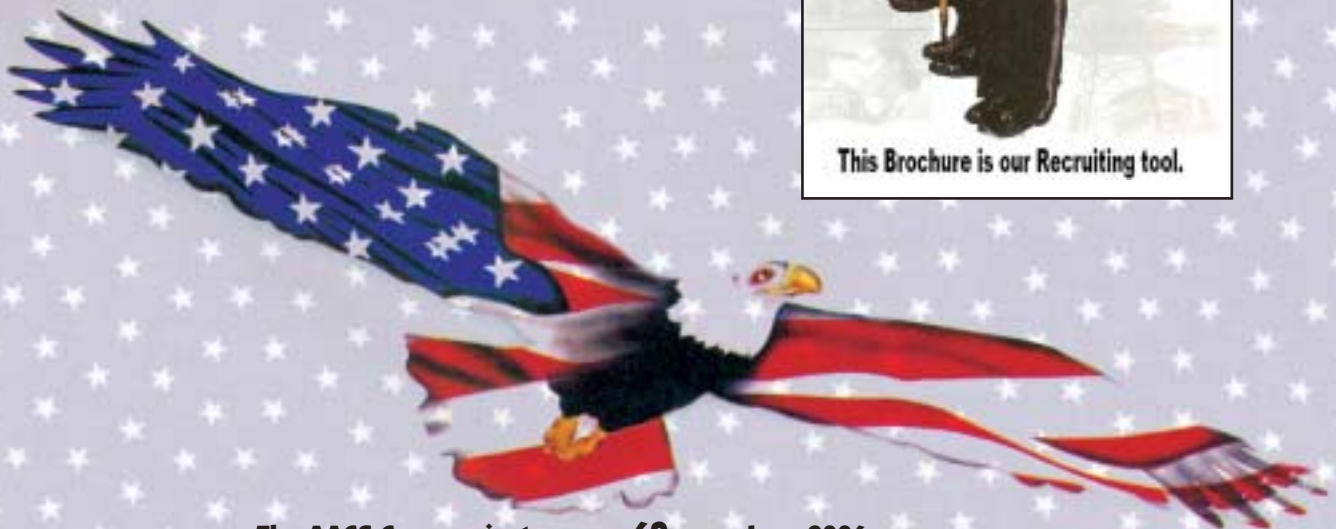
Visit the AACCS Website: [www.aaccs.org](http://www.aaccs.org)  
Call Toll Free 1-866-299-1045 for information about the AACCS Alumni Association  
ALL MEMBERS are requested to read page 6, 7 & 8 of this issue.

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**The AACCS Alumni Association**

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## 'Smitty' Goes To Europe!

A brother captured. A leader of women. A heart in love.

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SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. — Women's service to this nation during World War II is often represented by the image of "Rosie the Riveter," but not all of them worked in the factories.

One of those 350,000 "Rosies" to enlist was 24-year-old Viola B. Smith who became a communications officer serving in Europe. During a recent communications alumni gathering, she shared memories of her time in the war.

The now-80-something Grant, Fla., native said she volunteered because her brother, a welder, was one of 1,150 civilian contractors captured on Wake Island by the Japanese in 1941 after a 15-day siege.

"I didn't hear from him, and I wanted to do something to bring him home," she said. "I wanted to join something that went overseas."

At first she joined the WAACs (later the Women's Army Corps) in 1944 with the desire to be a first sergeant. Instead, "Smitty," as she came to be called, was commissioned a second lieutenant and became the company commander of dozens of young women. Soon, 500 WAACs and 18,000 men were crammed onboard the refitted troopship RMS Queen Elizabeth sailing out of New York and headed for Europe.

Without an escort, the ship relied on its speed to protect its human cargo, and the QE1 arrived about a week later in Scotland, on June 6, to the news that the invasion of Europe had begun. Thirty of the women, including Smitty, were assigned to the 5th Army Airways Communications System based in London. The unit provided communications and air traffic control for the 8th Air Force. Smitty said their first weekend in London was spent with their "heads under their pillows" as "buzz



Viola B. (Smith) McClellan

"Serving my country ...  
was a big achievement for  
me. We all had a job to do  
and [we] stayed with it  
until it was over —  
mission accomplished."

bombs" or German V1 rockets flew overhead. Some time later, one of these bombs exploded in Hyde Park sending shards of glass flying and two of her troops to the hospital. The two were later awarded the Purple Heart.

Smitty organized the women into a 5th AACCS company performing teletype operations, and working as drivers and administrative specialists six days a week. Smitty used a razor blade to censor mail dealing with sensitive military issues that soldiers wrote home about. They worked long hours while in London seemingly dodging the V1s then V2s more often as the Allies pressed their advantage across the Channel.

Many GIs found love in England, as did Smitty. Capt. Dewey McClellan was an AACCS pilot, and their whirlwind romance resulted in a wedding. Dewey stood in his uniform and Smitty wore a dress from the Red Cross that she had to turn in afterward for another bride to wear. Her shoes were handmade by another soldier, and the

members of her company saved their ration cards for three months so the couple could have a cake.

After VE day in May 1945, Smitty and others helped set up the headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany, before heading home on a B-17 in the fall. Dewey was the pilot. But her homecoming was bittersweet.

"I found out after the war that my brother never left Wake," she said. "He was one of 98 civilian prisoners gunned down by the Japanese in October 1943."

Back in the United States, she followed her husband where his active duty assignments took them, and the family eventually settled in Midwest City, Okla. Dewey served as the newsletter editor, historian and amateur radio coordinator for the AACCS Alumni Association. He passed away in 1997.

# AACS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The initial meeting of what turned out to be the first AACS Alumni Association meeting was held in Columbus, Ohio in 1977. The meeting was hosted by “emeritus” Larry Camp and his wife Doris. This meeting came about as a result of a conversation with “Dux” and Pearl LeDoux and was planned as a poker weekend in Columbus. Some of the notables who were in attendance, and to whom we owe so much were; Hack Neal, Ken Klise, Flash Gordon, Paul Haas, Glen Turner, Bob Dickerson, Max Mankofsky, Dux LeDoux, John Hoff, Ted Carlson, Don Donnell & George Yunker, just to name a few. This group established the high standards that still drive the AACS Alumni Association and we owe them and all the individuals who attended that first meeting/reunion a great big “Thank You”

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**TO: THOSE POTENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**QUESTION: WHO OR WHAT IS THE AACCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ?**

**ANSWER:** An Association that is comprised of members who began their service in the Army Air Force before WWII and who served in the first dedicated communications element to provide communications and air traffic control as its primary mission and members who have served since then in any communications or air traffic control unit, including those serving today. This new Army Air Force organization, was formed in 1938 and was named the "Army Airways Communications System" (AACS). During WWII, it was renamed the "Air Communications Service" (ACS) and placed under the then "Air Transport Command" and within months was renamed once again to the "Airways and Air Communications Service" (AACS). In 1961, AACS was elevated to a Major Air Command and renamed "Air Force Communications Service" (AFCS). In 1979, the name was changed to "Air Force Communications Command" (AFCC). In the early 1990's the Air Force was undergoing major reorganizations and realignment of functions and AFCC was downsized and renamed the "Air Force Command, Control, Communications & Computers Agency" (AFC4A) and shortly thereafter, was renamed the "Air Force Communications Agency" (AFCA) which is still an active Air Force organization. Also in the early 1990's, the Air Force created the "Air Force Flight Standards Agency" (AFFSA) and reassigned air traffic control responsibilities to this new Agency.

Over the years since the AACCS Alumni Association was formed (1977) the membership criteria changed from individuals who only served in AACCS units, to include all communicators/information/air traffic control and support skills regardless of what Major or Joint Command an individual served in, including today's active duty personnel.

Because of the heritage of the letters "AACCS" and its unique contributions to long-haul communications and air traffic control, the Association has decided to maintain "AACCS" as our organizational name. This could change in the future as our members who served from 1938 to 1961 are added to our "Missed Roll Call" list, and a new organizational name becomes more appropriate.

While the answer above is long, the short answer is "any individual who served or is serving in any Air Force Communications or Air Traffic Control unit, in any skill set, from 1938- to today, "is" the AACCS Alumni Association.

The AACCS motto of "Fellowship in the Company of Equals" is more than just words, but the glue that holds us all together through the different decades. The AACCS Alumni Association is comprised of about 85% enlisted personnel and 15% officers, which includes over 50 General Officers.

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